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Schulte Roth & Zabel Presents a New Co-Production Between Theater of War Productions and the Forum on Law, Culture & Society

The Premiere of: Theater of Law

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Leading law firm Schulte Roth & Zabel (SRZ) presented the premiere of *Theater of Law*, a new co-production between Theater of War Productions and the Forum on Law, Culture & Society. The event featured Emmy Award-winning actor Reg E. Cathey (*The Wire*, *House of Cards*, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*), Tony Award-nominated actress Kathryn Erbe (*Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, *Oz*), Tony Award-nominated actor Zach Grenier (*The Good Wife*, *Fight Club*, *Deadwood*) and Obie Award-winning actress Ana Reeder (*Hedda Gabler*, *Top Girls*, *Sight Unseen*). Held at SRZ's New York office, the actors performed a dramatic reading and initiated audience discussions.

Designed for legal professionals and for those who have had experiences with the legal system, *Theater of Law* is an innovative project that features readings from an ancient Greek tragedy about the first trial in Western culture, and is aimed at engaging audiences in constructive, thoughtful dialogues about the power of justice and the law, and its impact on local communities and society as a whole.

"We are pleased to present the debut of *Theater of Law*. It is truly an innovative program that ignites thoughtful discussions about justice and today's legal system," commented Jeffrey A. Lenobel, SRZ partner and

chair of the Real Estate Group. Mr. Lenobel serves on the Board of Directors of the Forum on Law, Culture & Society.

Mr. Cathey, Ms. Erbe, Mr. Grenier and Ms. Reeder read excerpts from *Eumenides*, translated and directed by Bryan Doerries. The Greek dramatist Aeschylus, in his trilogy of revenge plays, *Oresteia*, concludes the cycle in *Eumenides* with the trial of Orestes — the son who kills his mother because she had murdered her husband, Orestes' father. It is the first trial presented in Western culture — judge, jury and the community watching from the gallery — ordered by the gods as a way of introducing the ancient Greeks to the virtues of a legal system and the end of self-initiated blood justice.

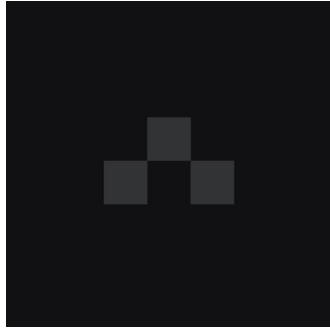
"*Theater of Law* is an important work and we are delighted to host this premier performance," commented Alan S. Waldenberg, chair of SRZ's Executive Committee.

"For most of human history, justice was a private affair — tribes, clans, families and individuals took matters into their own hands. This Greek play reminds us of the power of the court system as well as its impact," said Thane Rosenbaum, director of the Forum on Law, Culture & Society.

"*Theater of Law* is a terrific opportunity for us to bring our work to the legal industry. We are thrilled that Schulte Roth & Zabel has made it possible for us to engage legal professionals in these crucial discussions," said Mr. Doerries, artistic director of Theater of War Productions.

Theater of Law was developed by Theater of War Productions, a social-impact theater company that has worked with 200 leading film, theater and television actors to present dramatic readings of seminal plays — from classical Greek tragedies to modern and contemporary works — followed by public conversations in an interactive program designed to address urgent community-based social issues. *Theater of Law* is co-produced by the Forum on Law, Culture & Society.

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