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**PROMINENT HEDGE FUND LAWYER STEVEN WHITTAKER JOINS  
LONDON OFFICE OF SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL**

*London, 3 February 2014* - Schulte Roth & Zabel ("SRZ") is pleased to announce the addition of Steven Whittaker as a partner in the investment management group, resident in the firm's London office. He will be part of a team of senior lawyers that is one of London's largest and most experienced groups of hedge fund advisors. Mr. Whittaker joins SRZ from Simmons & Simmons.

Founded in New York in 1969, SRZ opened its London office in 2002 and, since then, has gained an impressive share of the European legal market in investment management. As evidence of SRZ's tremendous growth, the UK practice added 50 new funds clients just in the past year. The firm represents nearly half of the 100 largest hedge funds and more than 3,000 investment funds globally.

"I am very excited to join Schulte Roth & Zabel, which advises some of the most celebrated names in the European hedge fund industry. I look forward to contributing to the firm's growth," said Mr. Whittaker, who will advise hedge fund managers, with particular focus on the structuring, formation and operation of funds. In addition, he will provide counsel to funds and managers on regulatory issues and transactional matters.

Christopher Hilditch, head of SRZ's London office, commented, "Steven is an excellent addition to our team. He is one of the most respected individuals in the industry and we are delighted to have him join our investment management practice in London."

Mr. Whittaker has been cited by *Chambers UK* and *The Legal 500 UK* for his preeminence in the investment funds sector. "Steven is a well-known hedge fund specialist in the London community and we are excited to have him on board as we expand our London practice," added Steven J. Fredman, co-head of the firm's investment management group.

SRZ's investment management group consists of more than 80 lawyers focused exclusively on representing investment funds and their managers. The group provides advice on both UK and US law to a wide variety of funds and managers located in the UK, US, Continental Europe, The Middle East, Southern Africa, Asia (Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan) and Australia.

SRZ's London office recently expanded to include distressed investing and restructuring, with the addition of business reorganisation partners Peter J.M. Declercq and Sonya Van de Graaff. They have built a sizable practice, which complements the existing funds, regulatory and derivatives coverage by the firm's UK team.

Paul N. Roth, a founding partner of SRZ and chair of the firm's investment management group, commented, "The London office has expanded in size and depth of practice with the addition of these talented, highly-regarded lawyers who bring substantial experience and market knowledge."

"Schulte Roth & Zabel is the only leading law firm with a top-tier hedge fund practice in both the US and Europe. We are pleased to welcome Steven who will be a great asset to our clients worldwide," commented Alan S. Waldenberg, chair of the firm's executive committee and chair of the tax group.

Mr. Whittaker is a member of the International Bar Association, the Association of Investment Companies Legal Panel and the Sound Practices Committee of the Alternative Investment Management Association. He graduated with an honours degree in Law from Cardiff University and attended the College of Law.

#### **About Schulte Roth & Zabel**

Schulte Roth & Zabel ([www.srz.com](http://www.srz.com)) is a full-service law firm with offices in London, New York and Washington, DC. As one of the leading law firms serving the financial services industry, the firm regularly advises clients on investment management, corporate and transactional matters, and provides counsel on securities regulatory compliance, enforcement and investigative issues. The firm's practices include investment management; regulatory & compliance; securities & capital markets; bank regulatory; business reorganisation; distressed investing; distressed debt & claims trading; mergers & acquisitions; employment & employee benefits; environmental; finance; individual client services; intellectual property, sourcing & technology; litigation; real estate; structured products & derivatives; and tax.

Recently, SRZ attorneys authored the leading treatise on hedge funds. *Hedge Funds: Formation, Operation and Regulation*, published by ALM's Law Journal Press, is an authoritative and forward-looking guide that clearly explains the complete spectrum of hedge fund investment structuring, operations and regulation. The SRZ authors represent a broad range of practices including investment management, regulatory & compliance, employment, finance, litigation, mergers & acquisitions, securities, structured finance and tax. SRZ partners Stephanie R. Breslow, David J. Efron, Marc E. Elovitz, Steven J. Fredman, David Nissenbaum and Paul N. Roth led the project and co-authored the book, along with dozens of firm colleagues from various practice groups.

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