
Community Service and Pro Bono

Shartsis Friese is proud to have been listed among the Top Corporate Philanthropists in the Greater Bay Area by San Francisco Business Times each year since 2007, ranking #70 in 2020. Our lawyers and staff continue to support numerous organizations throughout the Bay Area with their contributions of time and money. A significant number of our attorneys serve on non-profit boards of directors for local Bay Area and national organizations.

In 2004, the Firm founded the Shartsis Friese LLP Public Interest Fellowship, which for a two-year period subsidizes a staff attorney position at a selected organization providing legal services to San Francisco Bay Area community members who cannot afford legal services. In the past, the Fellowship has been awarded to the Sword to Plowshares, Open Door Legal, East Bay Community Law Center, Bay Area Legal Aid, Centro Legal de la Raza, Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center, and the Family Violence Law Center.

Shartsis Friese has also established an annual scholarship at Students Rising Above, which covers the expense of sending several low income, first generation college students to college each year, along with providing tutoring, personal mentoring, career coaching, and job training workshops. In 2015, five students received the Shartsis Friese Scholarship.

Shartsis Friese is an active participant in the annual Food From the Bar campaign to benefit the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank drive. The firm regularly is among the top firms in the Bay Area that donate financial resources, volunteer hours, and perishable food items to the Food Bank.

We are proud to provide volunteer services and/or financial support to the following organizations: