Shartsis Friese LLP announced today that <u>David Egdal</u> has joined the firm as Of Counsel in the <u>real estate group</u>. Mr. Egdal focuses his practice on institutional and non-institutional lenders, borrowers and investors in all areas of real estate, including: forming and representing limited liability companies and other joint ventures, mortgage, mezzanine and repurchase financing, and acquisitions and dispositions of commercial, hotel, multi-family residential and vineyard properties. He was previously with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in San Francisco. "Shartsis Friese presents a unique combination of sophistication, depth of knowledge, and competitive billing structure that provides an ideal platform to serve my clients' needs and support the long-term growth of my practice," Egdal said.

"David is a superb lawyer and an important addition to the long term strength of our practice group and the firm," said <u>David Kremer</u>, the head of Shartsis' real estate practice. "We are thrilled that he has joined the firm." With the addition of Mr. Egdal, the Shartsis Friese real estate group now has 12 lawyers. The firm's real estate clients include leading Bay Area companies such as Oracle, Adobe and Netflix, as well as prominent institutional real estate investors such as Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, UBS Realty Investors and Divco West Realty Services, and developers such as Emerald Fund and Wareham Development. Shartsis Friese also represents social media and internet companies in San Francisco such as Twitter, Yammer, and DropBox.

Founded in San Francisco in 1975, Shartsis Friese LLP has over 60 lawyers. The firm has extensive trial and business litigation experience, including securities enforcement defense, and a complex transactional practice focused on investment advisers, hedge funds, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, securities, tax, venture capital, intellectual property, family wealth planning and real estate.