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Shartsis Friese LLP is pleased to announce that [JJ Stein](#) has been promoted to partner with the firm effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Stein focuses his practice on litigation with an emphasis on trust, estate and probate litigation.

"JJ has played a key role in a number of our most important cases over the past seven years" said firm co-founding partner, [Arthur Shartsis](#). "He is an outstanding litigator with an extremely bright future." In 2013, 2014, and 2015 Stein was named a "Rising Star" in Northern California by *Super Lawyers Magazine*.

In his trust, estate, and probate litigation practice, Mr. Stein has represented fiduciaries (including executors, trustees, and conservators), will beneficiaries, trust beneficiaries, and interested third parties. His complex civil litigation experience extends to contract disputes, business tort claims, real estate disputes, anti-trust, and civil fraud and conspiracy actions. He played a critical role in the landmark federal case of *PhRMA v. Alameda County*, successfully representing the County in the establishment of the first ever product stewardship program imposed on the pharmaceutical industry in the United States.

Mr. Stein is a 2007 graduate of University of California, Hastings College of the Law where he graduated *cum laude* and served as the managing editor of the *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly*.

Prior to joining the firm in 2008, he served as a legal research attorney to the Honorable John E. Munter in the Complex Litigation Department of the San Francisco Superior Court.

*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 and real estate.*