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A recognized leader on the West Coast, David Suozzi counsels a broad range of investment funds – including both mature and first-time sponsors – in raising and operating their portfolios.

Recent News: Shartsis Friese Recognized in Chambers 2026 Global Guide for Hedge Fund Law

David represents a wide variety of sponsors in raising and operating hedge funds, hybrid-funds, private equity funds, credit funds, venture capital funds and real estate funds. He is known for delivering practical and pragmatic advice, and for partnering with his clients on solving the most important legal issues facing their businesses.

Well known for helping emerging and first-time sponsors in all aspects of launching their businesses, David regularly structures and negotiates anchor and seed investments, determining appropriate terms on behalf of both funds and sponsor-level clients. He has significant experience helping hybrid fund managers address the many issues caused by managing liquid and illiquid assets.

In addition, David has significant experience helping mature sponsors (including his clients that have grown during his tenure) in their ongoing legal needs, including launching new products and funds, limited partner

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Investment Funds & Advisers

Credit & Direct Lending Funds

Hedge Funds

Private Equity Funds

Real Estate Funds

Venture Capital & Growth Equity Funds

Corporate

Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate Securities

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center; J.D, *magna cum laude*

University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business; B.A., finance and international business, *magna cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

ACCOLADES

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negotiations, management and operational issues, and regulatory compliance.

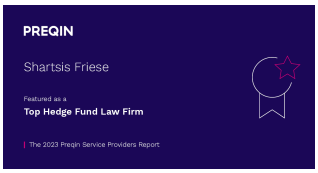
David began his career at Kirkland and Ellis, where he worked on mergers and acquisitions for private equity clients. He continues to use those skills in support of his sponsor clients, including assisting on portfolio company work, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance structuring and other portfolio-company issues.

Experience

David's representative clients include:

- $1.5 billion long/short manager with hybrid public/private funds
- $1 billion long-biased venture capital manager, with hybrid public/private funds and venture funds
- $1 billion long/short biotech investment manager with hedge funds, venture funds and other fund structures
- $1 billion investment manager focused on real estate credit funds (open-end) and SFR real estate funds (closed-end)
- $750 million investment manager focused on credit and credit origination
- $750 million investment manager focused on special situations
- $600 million long/short manager
- $500 million private equity manager focused on health care
- $300 million first-time manager with hybrid public/private funds
- $150 million first-time credit fund manager
- $50 million first-time private equity real estate manager
- $50 million first-time venture capital manager
- $40 million first-time search fund manager
- Numerous other SEC-registered (with more than $150 million in assets under management) and exempt managers (both startup managers and other managers) to long/short and long-biased hedge funds, venture funds and other alternative funds

Corporate and M&A, Level 3



LANGUAGES

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