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Shartsis Partner Erick C. Howard Elected to Bar Association of San Francisco Board of Directors

San Francisco (November 12, 2018): Shartsis Friese LLP is pleased to announce that Erick C. Howard was elected to the Bar Association of San Francisco's (BASF) Board of Directors for a three year term commencing on January 1, 2019. He will be sworn in at the BASF's Annual Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

"Erick's election to the BASF Board of Directors is a recognition of his outstanding and well-deserved reputation in the San Francisco legal and business communities, and to his commitment to the BASF's mission of championing equal access to justice and promoting humanity, excellence, and diversity in the legal profession." said Arthur J. Shartsis, co-founder of the firm. "We thank Erick for his dedication and congratulate him on achieving this professional milestone."

Mr. Howard is a partner in the Firm's Litigation Department and head of its Trademark Prosecution Practice. His primary expertise is in intellectual property litigation (including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, computer law and the protection of technology), contract disputes, business torts and other business litigation. He also has substantial experience related to technology transactions. Mr. Howard has helped businesses and individuals secure trademarks and copyrights and has provided strategic counseling to clients with respect to doing business on the Internet and protecting their intellectual property rights.

Mr. Howard has been an active member of the BASF's Justice and Diversity Center's board of directors since 2015.

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, family wealth planning, tax, venture capital, intellectual property and real estate.

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