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**Steven J. Schwartz Joins First Sound Bank Board of Directors**

**SEATTLE**, March 8, 2006 – Steven J. Schwartz has been named to the Board of Directors of First Sound Bank (OTCBB: FSWA). He is a co-founding principal of Pacific Real Estate Partners, Inc., a leading commercial real estate brokerage company with offices in Bellevue, Seattle and Portland, Ore. Established in 1993, the company represents clients in the sale and leasing of commercial and industrial properties throughout the Northwest.

A graduate of New York University, Schwartz began his professional career with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank in New York City, then served as an institutional bond salesperson at Paine Webber before returning to the Northwest in 1988.

Very active in community activities, Schwartz is co-president of the West Seattle Girls Softball League and sits on the Board of Directors for ONCOR International, a real estate network. He served on the board of Family Services of King County from 1998 to 2005 and as board president for that organization during his 2003-2004 term. Schwartz, who was previously involved in the formation of the Young Leadership Division of the Jewish Federation, is also a recipient of the Baird Award for Excellence in Real Estate and was recognized by his peers as a finalist for the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) “Broker of the Year” award in 2000.

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## **About First Sound Bank**

First Sound Bank is a Seattle-based bank offering customized banking for small- to medium-sized businesses, organizations, not-for-profits and professionals in the Puget Sound region. Founded by a team of veteran local banking executives, First Sound Bank is committed to delivering personalized service, convenient access and competitive rates to support the needs of the business community. First Sound Bank offers online banking at [www.firstsoundbank.com](http://www.firstsoundbank.com) plus an expansive banking network in the western U.S. as well as ATM banking throughout the country and abroad.

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