



ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

San Mateo, California — November 20, 2017 — Essex Property Trust, Inc. (NYSE:ESS) announced today that Jordan Ritter, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, is retiring effective January 12, 2018. Mr. Ritter joined the Company in 1993 and has represented the Company in many of its key strategic decisions, beginning with its initial public offering in 1994.

Michael Schall, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We thank Jordan for his many years of dedicated service, leading to Essex's exceptional growth and establishing the Company as an industry leader. We wish Jordan a long, pleasant and well-deserved retirement."

The Company will begin a search for Mr. Ritter's replacement, which will be managed by its Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Deborah Jones.

About Essex Property Trust, Inc.

Essex Property Trust, Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) that acquires, develops, redevelops, and manages multifamily residential properties in selected West Coast markets. Essex currently has ownership interests in 248 apartment communities with an additional 6 properties in various stages of active development. Additional information about Essex can be found on the Company's website at www.essex.com.

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