

Shook Scholars Institute

Trial Practice • Skills Development • Mentorship

February 17-19, 2027

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Shook is excited to host a select group of first-year law students at the Shook Scholars Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, February 17-19, 2027. The Shook Scholars Institute is an innovative, three-day inclusion-focused development program concentrated on litigation and trial skills, leadership, and career success competencies. Student travel, lodging, and meals will be provided by Shook.

Program Highlights: What You Can Expect from Us

At Shook, inclusion is about creating a space where everyone belongs. We recognize varied perspectives and experiences found in an inclusive workplace create a broader, richer environment, producing innovative solutions for our clients. Program highlights include:

- Interactive, small-group setting led by Shook attorneys;
- Trial practice program;
- Social events, networking opportunities, and Scholars Alumni insight;
- Panel sessions on lawyering skills, leadership, and success strategies; and
- Mentorship opportunities throughout your law school experience.

What We Need from You

The application process requires a completed online application, resume, law school transcript, signing up for a brief interview, and a one-page essay explaining how you demonstrate achievement of the Shook Scholars Institute selection criteria and how your personal, academic, and/or professional background and experiences will allow you to offer a diverse perspective to our team and the clients we serve. You will submit an application before receiving your first-semester transcript. Upon receipt, please forward it by email to rbonsee@shb.com.

Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria

The application process is open to all first-year law students enrolled full-time and in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school. A selection committee will evaluate all applications, considering the criteria below:

- Demonstrated academic performance and leadership achievements.
- Significant personal achievements and strong community involvement.
- Sincere interest in practicing at a top civil litigation firm.

Students may apply through our [website](#) starting September 1, 2026. All applications are due by November 30, 2026.

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