

Shook Scholars Institute

Mentorship • Trial practice • Skills development

March 25-27, 2026

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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, March 25-27, 2026. 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 that the 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's attorneys;
- Trial practice program;
- Mock interviews with Shook's attorneys;
- Panel sessions on lawyering skills, leadership, and success strategies;
- Social events and networking opportunities.

What We Need from You

The application process requires a completed online application, resume, law school transcript 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 may submit an application before receiving your first-semester transcript; however, as soon as you receive it, please email 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.
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting inclusion and equity in the legal profession and/or community.
- Sincere interest in practicing at a top civil litigation firm.

Students may apply through our [website](#) starting November 1. All applications are due by January 31.

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