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Meet the Class of 2013

Writing about the Up & Coming winners of 2013 is exhausting. First of all, there are 48 of them. And I'm here to tell you, as one of the judges, that we could have honored 108 based purely on their merit. But we had to hold the line somewhere, and what you will find in this 20-page special section is a little insight into four dozen of the most accomplished young lawyers in the state.

And that's what's really so exhausting. Just reading the thick nomination packets about how much these winners are doing will make you want to sit down and take a break.

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SHOOK, HARDY & BACON, KANSAS CITY

PRACTICE AREAS: Class action and complex litigation

LAW SCHOOL: University of Kansas

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT? Named division managing partner of Global Product Liability Division, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, effective January 1, 2013.

WHO IS YOUR LEGAL HERO? Sandra Day O'Connor.

YOUR FAVORITE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE? Sandra Day O'Connor.

LEAST-FAVORITE CLASS IN LAW SCHOOL? Federal Income Taxation.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN? Hang out with my three kids and husband.

IF YOU HADN'T BECOME A LAWYER, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE? Architect.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNG LAWYERS? Seize the opportunities each day brings and always do your best with them.