

## Shook Hardy Hires Morrison & Foerster Trial Lawyer in San Francisco

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### What You Need to Know

- Morrison & Foerster trial lawyer Jessica Grant has joined Shook Hardy in San Francisco.
- Grant represents Phillip Morris, and U.S. Bank and Snap Inc., among other large clients.

Morrison & Foerster litigator Jessica Grant has joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon as a partner in San Francisco.

Grant, a first-chair trial lawyer for some of the largest corporations and technology companies, was drawn to the Am Law 100 firm after working with Shook's lawyers on five cases.

"I felt so at home with the Shook team, which is incredibly rare in such a short period of time," Grant said. "I was extremely impressed with the caliber of their lawyering and the team supporting us. Every person I've worked with, which is at least 40 people, works at a high level but is also down to earth, genuine and friendly."

The firm is one of the most active in taking cases to trial, Grant added, and offered a natural fit for her practice with its leading product liability litigation practice and top-notch class action practice in California.

Grant's practice is largely focused on product liability and class action litigation matters. She is often called in to serve as a first-chair trial lawyer for a range litigation, including IP, antitrust and employment cases. About 20% of her practice involves negotiating a resolution before a lawsuit.

Among her clients are Bayer, Phillip Morris and U.S. Bank. In the past, she has also represented

Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Univision.

Grant said while several of her clients are already Shook clients, she expects to continue working with other clients such as Snap Inc., for which she is representing the company's Snapchat platform in a series of lawsuits in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Her past successes have included trying three cases over \$100 million and two cases over half a billion dollars. She served as lead trial counsel for one of the largest wage and hour class actions ever to be tried to verdict in California and represented direct purchaser plaintiffs in one of the largest antitrust cases ever certified as a class action—the latter of which Shook highlighted as a growth priority for the firm.

"Jessica is a natural fit for our bench of premier trial lawyers, a strategist who knows her way around the courtroom and a master of pre-litigation work," Shook chair Madeleine McDonough said in a statement. "It will be a seamless transition, one that will benefit our clients."

Prior to joining Morrison & Foerster in 2020, Grant had been a partner at Venable and practiced at Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass.



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**Jessica Grant of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.**