



## **Shook Scholars Institute**

### **Readies Diverse Law Students for Success**

**Kansas City, Mo** (September 11, 2018) Shook, Hardy & Bacon is offering a national diversity and inclusion intensive fellowship for law students to impart the high-level skills necessary to become an accomplished and thriving lawyer. The Shook Scholars Institute will premiere this fall to a select group of minority and LGBTQ law students who will participate in a trial boot camp, as well as sessions on how to be an effective lawyer, gain deposition skills, learn success strategies for diverse lawyers and build a career in law.

The Shook Scholars Institute will give law students the opportunity to work with Shook trial attorneys, litigators and leaders in a small group. Following the program, during law school, Shook will mentor participants in the Institute. Shook represents some of the world's leading health, science and technology companies in complex litigation.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for law students to gain real-world insight from some of the nation's leading trial lawyers and litigators," said Shook Partner and retired Jackson County Circuit Judge Jon Gray, who served as a judge on the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri for 20 years and is leading the trial program component of the Institute. "The experience will set the course for what law students might expect to encounter in the future."

*Vault* ranked Shook among its 2019 Best Law Firms for summer associate development and the firm is recognized among the nation's top law firms for diversity and inclusion. For several years, Shook ranked among the Top 25 firms for diversity for minorities, women and LGBT employees, and this year was included in the Top 10 leading firms in overall diversity, LGBT diversity and diversity for women and minorities. *Vault* compiles its annual rankings from a survey of more than 20,000 associates on various aspects of work life.

"We're excited to launch the Shook Scholars Institute for law students nationwide," said Shook Director of Strategic Diversity Initiatives Kori S. Carew, who is also a lawyer. "Law school and

the transition to the practice of law can be overwhelming. We want to help make that experience even better for some of the best and the brightest minority and LGBTQ students.”

To apply for the Shook Scholars Institute go to

[https://www.shb.com/~media/files/diversity/2018/div\\_shook\\_scholarsinstitute.pdf?la=en](https://www.shb.com/~media/files/diversity/2018/div_shook_scholarsinstitute.pdf?la=en).

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