



Shook, Hardy & Bacon Names Chris Johnson San Francisco Managing Partner

SAN FRANCISCO (July 28, 2020) Shook, Hardy & Bacon has selected Product Liability Litigator Chris Johnson to lead the San Francisco office effective immediately. Johnson, who has practiced at Shook for more than two decades, will serve as managing partner for the growing office. He brings analytical and strategic thinking to the role including previous careers in business before entering the field of law.

“I’m honored for the opportunity to help the firm grow in San Francisco at an energetic pace,” said Johnson, who is a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America. “One of my goals is to work with senior leadership to continue to attract laterals in our key areas which include class actions, commercial litigation, product liability, and environmental and toxic tort.”

Johnson focuses on litigation strategies primarily for the firm’s clients facing legal issues related to health and science. He helps clients evaluate disputes and create plans to address them according to their business needs. In addition to running case teams and trying cases, Johnson has a focus on formulating and cultivating medical, scientific and statistical strategies for addressing large and small matters by developing efficient, highly qualified teams of professionals to protect clients’ rights. Johnson also finds time to provide pro bono services. He lead a team taking a case all the way to the California Supreme Court to force state agencies to comply with Jessica’s Law by properly evaluating incarcerated potential sexual violent predators before releasing them back into the general population.

“I find pro bono work deeply rewarding, and I’m fortunate to practice at a firm where it is not only encouraged but championed,” said Johnson.

A nontraditional law student, Johnson earned his law degree, with distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law, after prior careers in carpentry, photography and writing. He is proud of his Lebanese heritage and remains active in building up the Arab-American Bar and broader Middle East and North Africa (MENA) community. Johnson has served on the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and is active now in Shook's mentoring and business development groups.

Johnson would be a great source for reporters writing stories about:

- The legal industry in San Francisco;
- The science of law;
- Medical-legal issues;
- Litigation issues, non-client.

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About Shook, Hardy & Bacon

Founded in 1889, Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. has 15 offices in the United States and London, with attorneys and professional staff serving clients in the health, science and technology sectors in areas ranging from product liability defense and commercial litigation to intellectual property prosecution and litigation, environmental and toxic tort, privacy and data security and regulatory counseling.