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MENTORS OF THE YEAR

The Mentor of the Year award recognizes those special individuals who have inspired and guided the careers of Up & Coming attorneys.

Madeleine M. McDonough, 50

PARTNER, SHOOK HARDY & BACON, KANSAS CITY

PRACTICE AREAS: Litigation, crisis management, FDA regulatory, public policy

LAW SCHOOL: University of Kansas; LLM in Global Health Law from Georgetown Law

As chair of Shook Hardy's summer associate program, Madeleine McDonough has been in an excellent position to mentor young attorneys. Take it from mentee Laurie Henry: "She's invested in her mentees — she cares about how they are progressing and how they are doing, professionally and personally. She will listen, commiserate, guide, brainstorm, and give her time whether you are working on a project with her or facing a challenge that is for a completely separate team, case or project. . . . Madeleine has stepped up, weighed in and counseled in the wee hours of the night and even from halfway around the world."

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT? Building strong relationships over many years with great clients for whom I resolve difficult disputes by listening with an open mind, developing new approaches and remembering that, no matter how far apart people may be in negotiations, a mutually beneficial resolution can almost always be achieved with enough thought, commitment and creativity.

ONE THING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU? I am a die-hard Bruce Springsteen fan.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE? Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I have had the opportunity to meet her in person, follow her incredible legal career and most recently happened to be in the front row when she issued her heartfelt dissent in Shelby County, the Voting Rights Act case delivered in June.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR YOUNG LAWYERS? You are needed. There are always people who need legal help but are not receiving it. Find them and help them. Take excellent care of your health and seize opportunities every day to grow professionally, spiritually and emotionally.