

# 1889

In 1889 when Frank Sebree began practicing in Kansas City, The Coca-Cola Company was incorporated in Atlanta, Grover Cleveland was ending his first term as President and the initial edition of *The Wall Street Journal* rolled off the presses.

In Paris, the Eiffel Tower opened, and was generally considered an eyesore. That year, Vincent Van Gogh painted "Starry Night," and, in Japan, the Nintendo Company was formed to create and sell playing cards.

Pioneering American journalist Nellie Bly met Jules Verne's fictional challenge in 1889 by circling the globe in fewer than 80 days, and the first intercollegiate football game was played in South Carolina.

In 1889, Kansas City was flourishing, growing into a commercial center for railroads, banking, livestock, clothing and steel. Blue-collar jobs were abundant, drawing immigrant laborers who clustered in ethnic neighborhoods like Columbus Park and Strawberry Hill.

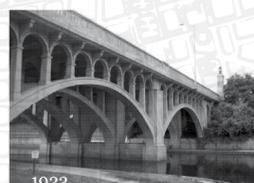
Frank Sebree came to Kansas City in July 1889 and partnered with William Alderson, who was already First Assistant City Counselor and handled virtually all of the city's trial and appellate work...



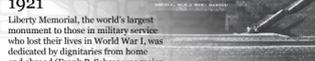
1889  
Anderson & Sebree opens its Kansas City office in the River Market (515 Main Street)



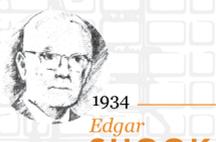
1908  
Frank P. Sebree becomes senior partner in Sebree, Conrad & Wendorff (largest practice in the state of Missouri); corporate law and civil litigation with railroads, financial institutions and insurance companies as the principal clients



1923  
Dedication of Sebree Bridge over Brush Creek at Benton Boulevard to Frank P. Sebree in Kansas City, Missouri



1921  
Liberty Memorial, the world's largest monument to those in military service who lost their lives in World War I, was dedicated by dignitaries from home and abroad (Frank P. Sebree was major fundraiser for the Liberty Memorial)



1934  
Edgar Shook  
The Firm becomes Sebree, Sebree & Shook

Edgar Shook appointed by the Governor to the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners (completed Pershing Road between Main and Grand)



1939  
David R. Hardy  
The Firm becomes Sebree, Sebree & Shook

1942  
David R. Hardy joins the Army as a private; discharged as captain in the Military Police Corps (1942-1946)

1939  
Edgar Shook named Kansas City's "Man of the Year"



The Honorable Elmo B. Hunter is appointed to the Kansas City District of the Missouri Court of Appeals

1948  
David R. Hardy becomes Partner



1956  
Charlie Bacon  
The Firm becomes Shook, Hardy & Bacon

1959  
David R. Hardy is elected president of the Kansas City Bar Association

1951  
Shook Alumna Elmo B. Hunter becomes Judge in the Circuit Court of Missouri

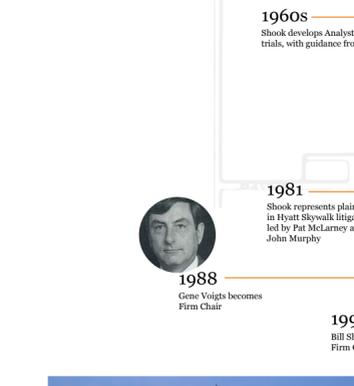
1957  
Charlie Bacon becomes National Commander of the American Legion

1958  
John Dods joins the Firm

1963  
Shook hires Mari Proutch, Ulmer, its first female Shook attorney



Former President Harry S. Truman leased an office downtown in the Federal Reserve Bank Building but on a different floor from the firm. Every morning, he could be seen briskly striding into the lobby with his trademark hat and walking stick. Truman would often stop and chat with whoever was there. Many times, he would take the public elevator rather than the one reserved for his private use. This gave a number of people in the firm an opportunity to meet the former President.



1960s  
Shook develops Analyst program to work on scientific trials, with guidance from Shook Partner Bill Shinn

1973  
Firm becomes Shook, Hardy & Bacon

1970  
Edgar Shook passes away

1976  
David R. Hardy passes away



1988  
Gene Voigts becomes Firm Chair



1990  
Bill Shinn becomes Firm Chair



1991  
Shook Alumna Elwood L. Thomas appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri



1991  
Pat McLarney becomes Firm Chair



1998  
Shook opens Miami office



1997  
Shook opens Washington, D.C. office



1996  
Marie Woodbury becomes the first woman Division Managing Partner



1998  
Shook opens San Francisco office



1995  
Shook opens Houston office



2000  
Shook opens Tampa office



2000  
Partner Lisa White Hardwick becomes Circuit Court Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville



2001  
Shook establishes the Women's Management Council (WMC) to assist women lawyers to develop the necessary legal skills, mentoring relationships, and marketing opportunities to support their promotion to the partnership



2000  
Marty Warren becomes the first woman elected to Shook's Executive Committee



2001  
Shook Alumna Laura Denver Smith is appointed to the Supreme Court of Missouri



1999  
Shook makes a charitable contribution of \$200,000 to establish the Johnson County First Amendment Foundation



2003  
Shook opens Orange County office



2012  
Shook opens Philadelphia office



2005  
Shook Partner Mike Buser appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals



2003  
Shook Alumna Dennis Dow named to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri



2003  
Shook organizes the first Update of the Law CLE



2006  
Shook establishes the Lawyers 4 Kids fund for foster and adopted children

2008  
Shook named one of the nation's "Best Law Firms for Women" by *Working Mother* magazine and *FlexTime* magazine



2008  
Shook hosts its first Diversity Retreat

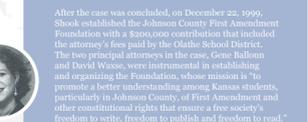
2008  
Shook earns 100 percent score on HRC's Corporate Equality Index (and every year since)



2005  
Backup childcare first offered as a benefit



2008  
Shook historian and beloved partner John Dods passes away



2011  
Women in Law Employment Forum (WLEEF) awards Shook Gold Standard Certification (and every year since)



2014  
Shook opens Denver office



2015  
Shook opens Chicago office



2016  
Harvey L. Kaplan Conference Room dedicated at KC headquarters following retirement of longtime influential pharmaceutical and medical device litigation partner



2017  
Madeline McDonough becomes Firm Chair (2017 - present)



2017  
Shook Alumna Willie Epps becomes U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Missouri



2017  
Shook Partner George E. Wolf III appointed as Circuit Judge of Division 11 of the 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri



2019  
Shook opens Los Angeles office



2019  
Shook opens Atlanta office



2019  
Shook Partner Angel Mitchell appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas



2013  
Shook opens Seattle office



2015  
Shook opens Dallas office



2018  
MCCA recognized Shook's leadership in best practices to assist diverse attorneys with the Vashon Innovator Award



2018  
Shook is awarded the "Inclusion and Diversity Award" by GlassSmithKline



2018  
Shook Alumna Holly Lou Teeter appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas



2017  
The Coca-Cola Company awards Shook the General Counsel Diversity Advancement Award



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2019  
Because of the continued growth of the Lawyers 4 Kids Fund, the geographical scope of its assistance was expanded beyond Jackson County to nearby counties in Missouri

"Family is something that every child wants, especially when they haven't had one in a long time."  
It is the thing that shows you that you are wanted and loved... I know I would never forget the day Love and warmth filled my heart as tears streamed down my face as I watched my new parents raise their right hands. Every time I look at the pictures from our Adoption Day, I can hear the safety bells running down my face."  
-Angelina M.

1,315  
Pro Bono adoptions completed by Shook attorneys to date  
As of 2018

Shook Partner Gene Balloun founded the Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children Scholarship Fund in 2001 with the attorney's fees paid to him for providing pro bono assistance to families and children in adoption cases. Other Shook attorneys also contribute pro bono hours and attorney's fees, and the Fund also accepts private donations. In July 2018, the Fund reached \$1 million in scholarships awarded.

\$1M+  
Scholarships granted to adopted and foster children to date  
As of 2018