



Shook Partner Earns Prestigious Humanity Award

KANSAS CITY, MO (August 7, 2018) The National Bar Association Judicial Council (NBAJC) has recognized Shook Partner Jon Gray with the prestigious Raymond Pace Alexander Award. This award is presented annually to recognize extraordinary contributions to judicial advocacy and to humanity. The NBAJC presented the award to Gray at the Thurgood Marshall Luncheon in New Orleans on July 31, 2018.

“It’s humbling to be recognized at a national level among my peers for our unwavering commitment to a fair and impartial judiciary,” said Shook Partner Jon Gray, who served as a judge on the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri for 20 years.

Founded in 1971, the NBA Judicial Council is the oldest and largest organization of Black judges and judicial officers and includes member judges in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean region. The Judicial Council established the award to honor the memory of Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, who served as President of the National Bar Association (1929 and 1930), was the first black judge for the Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania (1959-1974) and was a founding member of the NBA Judicial Council.

Gray served as Chair of the NBA Judicial Council during the 2007-2008 bar year. Now that very Council is honoring him for his work in furthering to diversify the legal profession and the judiciary. Additionally, earlier this year, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* honored Gray with the Icon Award for his notable and sustained success and leadership both within and beyond the field of law.

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