



## **Shook Partner Sharon Israel Named President of The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court**

**HOUSTON** (July 15, 2019) Shook, Hardy & Bacon Partner Sharon Israel will lead The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court for a one-year term effective July 1, 2019. The Americans Inns of Court are dedicated to promoting high levels of professionalism, including ethics and civility, in the practice of law. The Atlas IP Inn of Court is a member of the Linn Inn Alliance, which includes over 25 intellectual property focused Inns. The Atlas IP Inn was formed in 2012 and is named for Judge Nancy F. Atlas, one of the Inn’s founders, who is a District Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Israel has been a master in the Atlas IP Inn since its inception and has served on the executive committee for the past few years. She also is an alumna of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court.

“The Inns of Court presents a unique platform for lawyers, judges, academics and law students to build professional relationships, provide mentoring opportunities, share experiences, and advance ethics and civility in the profession. We owe it to our colleagues, our clients and the courts to aspire to the highest levels of professionalism,” stated Israel, a partner in the intellectual property practice at Shook in Houston. “The Inn provides a tremendous opportunity to foster relationships with newer lawyers and law students, in addition to more experienced attorneys and judges. It’s an honor, working with Judge Atlas and others in the Inn, to lead the organization and make an impact on the profession.”

Israel focuses her practice on intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent litigation. She represents clients before trial and appellate courts, the Patent Trial and Appeals Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the International Trade Commission. She spends much of her time in areas including oil field services, telecommunications and video game technologies.

She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, the Houston Bar Foundation and the American Intellectual Property Law Association where she served as president from 2014-2015.

She is an excellent source for reporters working on stories about the following issues:

- Patent litigation;
- Trial proceedings (patent challenges) before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board; and
- Patent policy and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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### **About Shook, Hardy & Bacon**

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