

Shook Scholars Institute

Mentorship • Trial practice • Skills development

April 9–11, 2025

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Shook is excited to host a select group of first-year law students at the Shook Scholars Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, April 9–11, 2025. The Shook Scholars Institute is an innovative, three-day diversity and inclusion-focused development program concentrated on litigation and trial skills, leadership, and career success competencies. Student travel, lodging, and meals will be provided by Shook.

Program Highlights: What You Can Expect from Us

At Shook, inclusion is about creating a space where everyone belongs. We recognize that the varied perspectives and experiences found in a diverse and inclusive workplace create a broader, richer environment, producing innovative solutions for our clients. Program highlights include:

- Interactive, small-group setting led by Shook's attorneys;
- Trial practice program led by former judge;
- Mock interviews with Shook's attorneys;
- Panel sessions on lawyering skills, leadership, and success strategies;
- Social events and networking opportunities.

What We Need from You

The application process requires a completed online application, resume, law school transcript and a one-page essay explaining how you demonstrate achievement of the Shook Scholars Institute selection criteria and how you will contribute to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession and/or community. You may submit an application before receiving your first-semester transcript; however, as soon as you receive it, please email rbonsee@shb.com.

Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria

The application process is open to all first-year law students enrolled full-time and in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school. A selection committee will evaluate all applications, considering the criteria below:

- Demonstrated academic performance and leadership achievements.
- Significant personal achievements and strong community involvement.
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion and equity in the legal profession and/or community.
- Sincere interest in practicing at a top civil litigation firm.

Students may apply through our [website](#) starting November 1. All applications are due by January 31.

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