



2023 Diversity for Success Seminar

June 13–16, 2023 | Sheraton Le Méridien Charlotte | Charlotte, NC

Diversity Expo Law Firm Interview Application

FIRM INFORMATION

Firm Name: Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice LLC

Address: 100 North Broadway Suite 2100

City, State, Zip: St. Louis, MO 63102-2737

Phone: (314) 345.5076

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Email: jmaloney@bakersterchi.com

Please mark if your firm is:

Minority Owned

Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Baker Sterchi is committed to cultivating a diverse and inclusive work environment. Our Diversity & Inclusion Committee is comprised of members from every level of the firm, and we have embraced the American Bar Association’s Resolution 113 to hold ourselves to the highest standards of intentional inclusivity. Our committee focuses on recruitment, retention, and education. In addition to supporting events that encourage diversity within the legal profession, we offer mentorship to law school students to connect with diverse attorneys early in their career development. We provide training and mentorship opportunities to help our team members grow, including implicit bias training. Our commitment extends beyond the firm, with active involvement in organizations that focus on diversity, such as the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity and the Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Kansas City, MO

Edwardsville, IL

Overland Park, KS

Springfield, MO

Belleville, IL

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

Commercial Litigation

Employment Law

Insurance Law

Product Liability

Construction Law

Environmental Law
and Toxic Torts

Intellectual Property

Professional Liability

Drug and Medical Device

Health Care

Premises Liability

Transportation
Litigation

Other: _____

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Acuity Insurance

BASF Catalyst

BJC Health System

Caterpillar

James River Insurance

J.B. Hunt

KVK-Teck

Starbucks

Markel

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ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Jennifer Maloney

Email: jmaloney@bakersterchi.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Jennifer Maloney, an equity Member in the firm, primarily practices in the areas of premises liability, product liability, personal injury, and transportation. She is also experienced in toxic tort, pharmaceutical liability, construction, and nursing home litigation. For the last several years, she has defended a major trucking company in personal injury and broker liability cases. Jennifer is a past president of the St. Clair County Illinois Bar Association, and an active member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. She earned her J.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Law and is licensed to practice in Missouri and Illinois.

Attorney #2

Name: Kehl Friesen

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kehl Friesen is a civil litigator practicing in personal injury, product liability, premises liability, and general liability defense. He has represented clients in various industries, and has trial experience in both state and federal courts. Kehl is an active member of the ALFA International Future Leaders Forum, Hospitality & Retail Practice Group, and Product Liability Practice Group. He is also a member of the Asian American Bar Association of Kansas City and DRI. Kehl holds a J.D. from the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law and is licensed to practice in Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois.

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email: _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Firm Name: Butler Snow LLP

Address: 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400

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Email: beau.cole@butlersnow.com

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Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity is the "fabric" from which we are woven. We recognize the legal profession's shortcomings in this area and strive to make our firm more like the clients and communities we serve. Our commitment to these concepts is not driven by external pressures- we are committed because it is the right thing to do.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Charleston, SC

Austin, TX

Denver, CO

New Orleans, LA

Memphis, TN

Atlanta, GA

Dallas, TX

Montgomery, AL

Albuquerque, NM

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Employment Law

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Product Liability

Construction Law

Environmental Law and Toxic Torts

Intellectual Property

Professional Liability

Drug and Medical Device

Health Care

Premises Liability

Transportation Litigation

Other: Business Services, Advisory Services, Arbitration

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

International Paper

3M Company

Husqvarna Professional Products, Inc.

Johnson & Johnson

Roche

Trinity Industries, Inc.

BASF

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

FMC

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Name: Beau Cole

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Beau Cole is an experienced attorney representing manufacturers, small businesses and Fortune 100 companies in Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. His background includes all types of litigation, including product liability, first-party contract and “bad faith” claims, government-led public interest claims, environmental disputes, mass actions and toxic tort claims. Recognizing that early resolution is often the best outcome, Beau frequently secures near nuisance value settlements in the most challenging claims, brought in some of the most challenging jurisdictions. Beau is AV® Preeminent™ Rated, recognized in Best Lawyers in America®, 2020 Distinguished Service Award recipient and Fellow of the Mississippi Bar Association.

Attorney #2

Name: Denver Smith

Email Denver.Smith@butlersnow.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Denver Smith is a Charleston, SC native who practices primarily with Butler Snow’s Tort, Transportation, and Commercial Litigation practice groups. Given his unique upbringing as an adopted child, Denver fosters a desire to help others at a professional and personal level. He has trial and oral argument experience in South Carolina state courts, and has also successfully defended clients in South Carolina’s federal courts. Denver is a member of the South Carolina Bar’s professional development committee, serves as a vice-chair on DRI’s Young Lawyers’ steering committee, and was invited to participate in DRI’s inaugural diverse mentorship program.

Attorney #3

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Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Fax: 716-566-5401

Email: jhanna@goldbergsegalla.com

Please mark if your firm is:

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Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Both within our own firm and across the wider business and legal communities, Goldberg Segalla’s commitment to diversity is a critical component of our firm’s mission and culture.

To put our philosophy and commitment into practice, we have a Diversity Task Force in place to conceptualize and implement diversity-focused programs, as well as give diversity a voice in our decision-making at the highest level. The individuals on this task force share the firm’s strong commitment to increasing diversity, and use their unique experiences and backgrounds to support and advance that goal. The team meets regularly to create programs, schedule events, establish diversity initiatives both inside and outside of the firm, set long-term goals, and develop the strategy to recruit and retain people from diverse backgrounds.

Joe Hanna is the Chair of our Diversity Task Force and a member of the firm’s management committee. In that capacity, he has spearheaded numerous diversity initiatives in various organizations and outreach programs, serves on several diversity-related committees, and is a frequent author and speaker on diversity. Among other positions, he is Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Minority Trial Lawyer Committee and its Special Committee on Human Rights, Editor-in-Chief of the ABA’s Minority Trial Lawyer, a Fellow and New York chapter chair of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, a past President of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York (MBAWNY), current President of the MBAWNY Foundation, and the Diversity Liaison for several committees at the 22,000-member Defense Research Institute (DRI).

Imoh Akpan was Program Chair of the 2022 Diversity for Success Seminar, is a member of the Goldberg Segalla Diversity Task Force, and the managing attorney of our Baltimore Office. Imoh is a long-time member of DRI’s Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee. He also serves as the Co-Chair of the Federation for Defense and Corporate Counsel’s Diversity Committee.

Goldberg Segalla demonstrates leadership inside our firm and throughout the legal community specifically focused on the advancement of women. As a complement to our Diversity Task Force, we have a formal Women’s Initiative — designed to spark opportunities, develop mentoring relationships, promote leadership, plan events, and support the advancement of women in legal, management, and administrative contexts.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Hartford, CT

St. Louis, MO

San Francisco, CA

Baltimore, MD

Los Angeles, CA

Miami, FL

Princeton, NJ

Chicago, IL

Raleigh, NC

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Medical Device | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Litigation |

- Other: Appellate
Asbestos
Civil Litigation & Trial
Cyber Security & Data Privacy
Long-Term Care
Maritime
Municipal & Government Law
OSHA
Opioid
Real Estate & Land Use
Workers' Compensation

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

<u>Lowe's</u>	<u>Starbucks</u>	<u>Burlington Coat Factory</u>
<u>U-Haul</u>	<u>Staples</u>	<u>Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL)</u>
<u>BJ's</u>	<u>Kohl's</u>	<u>IKEA</u>

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Attorney #1

Name: Imoh E. Akpan

Email: iakpan@goldbergsegalla.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Imoh is an accomplished litigator with over 15 years of experience representing corporations and insurers in a variety of matters involving catastrophic injury, wrongful death, general negligence, negligent security, civil rights, product liability and other types of claims in the state and federal courts in Maryland and Washington, D.C. He has taken over 15 jury trials and 200 bench trials to verdict.

Imoh is also managing attorney for Goldberg Segalla's Baltimore Office and is member of the firm's Diversity Task Force. He was the Program Chair for last year's (2022) Diversity for Success Seminar.

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Attorney #2

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Address: 5 Park Plaza, Unit 1100

City, State, Zip: Irvine, CA 92614

Phone: (949) 255-6950 Fax: (949) 474-2060 Email: acarino@grsm.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Gordon & Rees prides itself on its ongoing commitment to diversity throughout its offices in all 50 states. As a part of the firm's ongoing commitment to recruit, retain, and promote female and diverse attorneys to the highest positions of management and ownership at the firm, the firm implemented a Leadership Equality and Diversity ("LEAD") Program. This initiative, which works in tandem with the ongoing programs undertaken by the firm's Diversity Committee, Women's Initiative, and Affinity Groups, has been specifically tailored to achieve Gordon & Rees' core objectives in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Through these groups, the firm ensures that its attorneys receive opportunities for development, mentorship and dialogue during meetings to further promote connection and engagement.

Our recent awards for diversity include: Ranked No. 13 for female attorneys on the Law360 Glass Ceiling Report; Ranked No. 24 on the National Law Journal's Women in Law Scorecard; Ranked No. 24 on The American Lawyer's Diversity Scorecard; Ranked No. 36 for Diverse Attorneys on the Law360 Diversity Snapshot; a perfect score of 100 on the 2016-2022 LGBTQ+ Corporate Equality Index.

According to recent reports, Gordon & Rees exceeds the average ranking among U.S. law firms including: 19% diverse attorneys compared to 16% diverse attorneys average among U.S. law firms; 13% in diverse partners compared to 9% diverse partners average among U.S. law firm; 42% female attorneys compared to 37% average among U.S. law firms and 34% female partners compared to 25% average among U.S. law firms. The firm was recently recognized among the top 25 firms for promoting the most females to partner.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

<u>Southern California</u>	<u>One Battery Park Plaza, 28th Floor</u>	<u>One North Franklin, Suite 800</u>
<u>275 Battery Street, Suite 2000</u>	<u>55 Ivan Allen Jr., Blvd. NW, Suite 750</u>	<u>40 Calhoun Street, Suite 350</u>
<u>15 W. South Temple, Suite 1600</u>	<u>Three Logan Square</u>	<u>All 50 states</u>

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Medical Device | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Litigation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Cyber Security; Energy Law; Hospitality Law</u> | | | |

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

<u>Fortune 500 companies</u>	<u>Privately held companies</u>	<u>International, National, and Regional insurance companies</u>
<u>Privately held companies</u>	<u>For profit and nonprofit corporations</u>	<u>Financial Institutions</u>
<u>Private Individuals</u>		

ATTORNEYS

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Attorney #1

Name: Catherine Delorey

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Catherine Delorey is Senior Counsel in the San Francisco office of Gordon & Rees. Ms. Delorey has over two decades of experience aggressively resolving disputes through negotiation, arbitration, and litigation. She represents contractors on a number of legal issues facing the construction industry, including: differing site conditions, nondisclosure, delays and acceleration, liquidated damages, termination, extra work, payment and retention withholdings, and bid protests. She also represents owners, architects, and consultants in resolving disputes on public and private projects. Ms. Delorey is active with the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law and a frequent speaker on legal issues.

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Attorney #2

Name: Joseph Rivera

Email: jrivera@grsm.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Joseph Rivera, Jr. is Partner in the New York office of Gordon & Rees with extensive experience handling complex tort and product liability matters. He represents foreign and domestic manufacturers, distributors, retailers, including various Fortune 500 companies, their insurers, and also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Trial Advocacy at Fordham University Law School. As a litigator, Mr. Rivera has aggressively negotiated favorable outcomes for his clients via negotiation, mediation and arbitration. He has also received favorable verdicts through bench and jury trials. He serves as a board member and co-chair for various bar associations and legal affinity groups.

Attorney #3

Name: Alleli Carino

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Alleli Carino is an associate attorney in the Professional Liability Defense and Environmental/Toxic Tort practice groups. Ms. Carino has represented clients in the litigation of environmental/toxic tort cases, personal injury cases involving auto, premises and government liability, as well as litigation of cases under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act. Ms. Carino is experienced in all phases of litigation, including discovery, law and motion, taking and defending depositions, trial preparation, and has participated in trial as second chair trial attorney. Ms. Carino also serves in the DRI D&I membership subcommittee.



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Please mark if your firm is:

Minority Owned

Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

More than 50% of our approx. 400 attorneys are women; We average about 35% gender and ethnic diversity; approx. 85% of our managing partners & rainmakers are women/diverse attorneys. We are members of NAMWOLF. We actively engage in numerous DEI events and participate frequently on the speaking and publishing circuit. We sponsor and contribute to many diversity and community philanthropic endeavors. We have a minority and women owned certification process certification team.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

we have 29 offices throughout the U

, TX

, CO

CA, CO, FL, GA, IL, LA, MD, MI, MS, N

, TN

, LA

the US. Virgin Islands, CA

, AZ

, NV

FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

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Commercial Litigation

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Environmental Law
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Intellectual Property

Professional Liability

Drug and Medical Device

Health Care

Premises Liability

Transportation
Litigation

Other: Workers Compensation, Administrative, Appellate, Litigation, Financial Practices, Real Estate, White Collar Crime, SIU/Investigations, Transactional, Aviation, General Counsel

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

CNA

Gallagher Bassett

Crum and Forster

Axis Capital

Fed Ex

Target

Walmart

Collis Roofing

Sedgwick

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Name: Debbie Riley

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Debbie Riley is General Counsel for the firm and licensed in Kansas, Illinois and Georgia. She is an accomplished insurance claims and litigation management expert with over 20 years of senior executive experience. Ms. Riley is a trained mediator and settlement negotiator. She concentrates in managing complex insurance issues, insurance standards and practices. She has deep insurance and corporate knowledge with experience involving reorganizations, restructures, process and technology improvement initiatives and creating/implementing strategic vision plans. Ms. Riley also focuses in the areas of nursing home and long-term care liability, professional liability, auto and premise liability.

Attorney #2

Name: Pamela W. Carter

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Pamela W. Carter is the managing partner of the New Orleans office at Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. Ms. Carter concentrates her practice in litigation and represents clients in a wide variety of areas in federal and state courts in Louisiana and Texas. She litigates complex disputes, insurance claims for corporate clients, employment disputes, commercial litigation and other matters including mold, asbestos, premises liability, insurance defense, coverage claims, bad faith litigation and race/gender discrimination cases.

Attorney #3

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Please mark if your firm is:

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Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

We are committed to fostering a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion that provides opportunities to all our team members and empowers them to be their best whole person, professionally and personally. We also seek to maintain a strong organization that effectively represents the interests of our clients, who also reflect the rich diversity of their organizations and communities, and we endeavor to hire, develop, retain and promote talent to ensure the firm remains a DE&I leader within the profession and community at large. To that end, the firm's DE&I Committee formulates and shepherds its key initiatives relating to DE&I, such as: Education, Mentorship Programs, Forward Together (an education, networking and marketing program designed to provide female associates with tools for professional advancement), Diversity Pipeline (via Thurgood Marshall Diversity Pipeline Initiative we provide summer internship for high school students from diverse communities, and Community Involvement (pro bono and public service initiatives addressing issues of justice and equality).

Segal Cambridge attorneys and staff represent the rich spectrum of diversity of skin color, gender, country of birth, sexual orientation and other factors that collectively make us human. This diversity guides one of our core principles: We value everyone for who they are as a person. We are adamant in viewing one's uniqueness as an asset rather than a limitation and insist that colleagues bring their complete selves to our team.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Austin, TX

Indianapolis, IN

Houston, TX

New York, NY

Jersey City, NJ

Fort Lauderdale, FL

St. Louis, MO

Philadelphia, PA

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Transportation Litigation

Other: Technology & Cyber Risk

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Nationwide Insurance Company

United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

State Auto Insurance Companies

Allstate Insurance Company

Zurich American Ins. Co.

Metlife Auto & Home

Hauck Manufacturing Company

DeZurik/Illinois

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Name: Kenneth P. Williams

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Kenneth Williams defends corporations in complex coverage, property, product liability and commercial litigation matters. He represents insurance carriers and individual corporations in coverage and personal injury litigation. He serves as a member of the firm's Executive Committee and is co-chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

In addition to his trial litigation practice, Kenneth's experience includes cybersecurity coverage consulting and litigation, counseling insurers on an array of coverage issues, rideshare coverage and injury litigation, and representing insurers in bad faith and declaratory relief lawsuits in cases involving general liability, homeowner, auto and E&O policies.

Attorney #2

Name: Madina Axelrod

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Madina Axelrod defends companies in high-stakes product liability, toxic tort and commercial litigation matters. Madina is currently co-chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. She is also chair of the firm's Toxic Tort/Hazardous Substances practice group.

Madina serves as national coordinating counsel, regional counsel and local counsel for multinational equipment manufacturers and other companies in asbestos litigation in managing complex claims.

After obtaining her J.D. from Moscow State Academy of Law in 1997, Madina practiced law in Moscow serving as in-house counsel for Russia's largest brewing company. In 2002, she obtained her LL.M. from Cornell Law School.

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Attorney #3

Name: A. Solomon Luwoye

Email sluwoye@smsm.com

Curriculum Vitae *(100 Words or Less)*

Solomon Luwoye concentrates his practice in civil litigation including areas of first-party and third-party no-fault insurance defense, insurance coverage disputes and general negligence litigation. He has previously also spent a number of years as an insurance advisor for one of the largest brokerages in North America, which has provided him with a unique, behind the scenes, knowledge and set of skills when handling insurance related matters.

Solomon earned his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, cum laude.



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Address: 185 Asylum Street

City, State, Zip: Hartford, CT 06103

Phone: 8605158901

Fax: _____

Email: rsimpson@shb.com

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Shook is committed to being the best in the world at providing creative and practical solutions with unsurpassed value. Led by Chair Madeleine McDonough, our science-driven firm is deeply passionate about achieving the best results for our clients from the boardroom to the courtroom. Sustaining a diverse environment where everyone is respected, feels appreciated and experiences fulfillment and enjoyment through meaningful personal contributions is the core of who we are as a firm.

In addition to finding creative solutions for our corporate clients, Shook has always held a passionate commitment to diversity, inclusion and social justice issues.

Nearly half of the firm's executive committee is composed of women and diverse attorneys, and women and diverse attorneys also lead a number of the firm's largest practice areas and city offices including Chicago, Houston, Orange County, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Tampa.

In 2020, Shook launched the Honorable Jon Gray Lawyers Leadership Academy Program in an effort to develop diverse attorneys and help them transition to eventually serving key clients. Mentors include former Judge Jon Gray, the program's namesake, as well as Shook trial attorneys, alumni, friends and clients who are dedicated to diversity and inclusion and improving the legal profession. The mentees will benefit from the courtroom experience of Shook's trial, appellate and class action attorneys and the business acumen of in-house counsel and clients. The program aims to enhance long-term retention and advancement of minority lawyers by providing them the access, tools and support to become successful partners at Shook.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Los Angeles, Orange County, San Fra

Atlanta, GA

Kansas City and St. Louis, MO

Denver, CO

Chicago, IL

New York City, NY

Tampa and Miami, FL

Boston, MA

Philadelphia, PA

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REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Bayer

GSK

Sanofi

Microsoft

Philip Morris USA

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Attorney #1

Name: Rob Simpson

Email rsimpson@shb.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Robert Simpson is a seasoned trial attorney who leads Shook’s Hartford, Connecticut office. He has extensive experience in product liability litigation and focuses on pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Rob has served as first- and second-chair trial counsel in more than 30 cases that have gone to verdict in various roles including lead trial counsel, national counsel and local counsel for global pharmaceutical and medical device companies. Rob is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has served as a trial instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the American Bar Association.

Attorney #2

Name: Sheldon Poole

Email spoole@shb.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Sheldon Poole primarily defends corporate clients in product liability and environmental toxic tort litigation. Sheldon has substantial experience handling complex personal injury and property suits involving alleged catastrophic injuries, including wrongful death and survivorship claims and claims involving environmental contamination. He also has experience in representing high profile product manufacturing clients in multi-district litigation. Sheldon handles all phases of litigation in cases pending in multiple states and has been effective at attacking claims through successful motion practice on behalf of his clients. Sheldon is dedicated to pro bono service, with a focus on housing-related matters.

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Firm Name: Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.

Attorney #3

Name: Brice Nengsu Kenfack

Email: bkenfack@shb.com

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Brice Nengsu Kenfack represents his clients nationally in all litigation and pre-litigation matters, including product liability, construction, insurance, commercial and general liability disputes, and has appeared before state and federal courts across the United States. He uses his vast experience to represent a broad range of clients, including pharmaceutical companies, component manufacturers, senior living facilities, health and wellness companies and insurance companies.

Pro bono work and diversity and inclusion are a cornerstone of Brice's work. He currently serves as the diversity advocate for Shook Kansas City, and is co-managing the Shook Hardy and Bacon's Immigration Practice Group.



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FIRM INFORMATION

Firm Name: Stoel Rives LLP

Address: 500 Capitol Mall Suite 1600

City, State, Zip: Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 9163194645

Fax: _____

Email: heraclio.pimentel@stoel.com

Please mark if your firm is:

Minority Owned

Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Diversity is one of Stoel Rives' values and a key element of our Firm's strategic vision. In today's increasingly mobile, multicultural world, many of our clients recognize that diversity and inclusion are not only beneficial social values, but also vital ingredients in business innovation and success.

Diverse viewpoints and creative thinking are essential in developing innovative, workable solutions in every aspect of life. For a multifaceted law firm such as Stoel Rives, diversity within our Firm is critical to the quality of our legal work, our client service, and the professional development of our attorneys and staff.

Our diversity plan is driven by two goals: (1) to successfully recruit, develop, and retain attorneys and staff of diverse backgrounds and characteristics and (2) to foster an inclusive professional environment that respects and values differences among our attorneys and staff and supports professional development and advancement for all. Additionally, as part of our participation in Diversity Lab's Move the Needle Fund (MTN), we have committed to improving the retention rate of our diverse attorneys (specifically women, racial/ethnic minorities, individuals identifying as LGBTQ+, and individuals with disabilities) to at least equal the retention rate of our non-diverse attorneys by 2025, with the ultimate goal of increasing the percentage of diverse partners in the Firm. MTN is a five-year model program funded by a small group of law firms and involving over two dozen corporate general counsels to test and measure innovative DE&I strategies, with the goal of developing demonstrably successful tools to help the legal profession diversify.

We are proud of our accomplishments toward meeting these goals. In 2022, over 60% of the Firm's attorney hires were diverse. Today, nearly 70% of Stoel's top leadership positions are held by diverse attorneys and 55% of our attorneys are diverse. We received Mansfield Rule 5.0 Plus Certification (2022), a perfect 100% rating on the Corporate Equality Index (2022), and an Aspire Diversity Award from Lawyers of Color (2023). Lastly, we were named a "Tipping the Scales" law firm by the Diversity & Flexibility Alliance (2022) and received the Women in Law Empowerment Forum's 2022 Gold Standard Certification.

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

Anchorage, AK

Washington, D.C., DC

Portland, OR

San Diego, CA

Boise, ID

Salt Lake City, UT

San Francisco, CA

Minneapolis, MN

Seattle, WA

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FIRM'S AREA OF EXPERTISE/PRACTICE

Mark all that apply.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Litigation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Liability |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Medical Device | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Litigation |
- Other: Corporate Law
Employee Benefits Law
Estate Planning
Energy Law
Natural Resources Law
Real Estate Law
Indian & Alaska Native Law
Labor Law
Retail, Fashion, Consumer Products

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

<u>The Greenbrier Companies, Inc.</u>	<u>St. Luke's Health System, Ltd.</u>	<u>Washington State Department of Transportation</u>
<u>Grimmway Enterprises, Inc.</u>	<u>Darigold, Inc.</u>	<u>ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.</u>
<u>sPower, LLC</u>	<u>PeaceHealth</u>	<u>Precision Castparts Corp.</u>

ATTORNEYS

Maximum of three (3) attorneys per firm may interview

Attorney #1

Name: Heraclio Pimentel

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Heraclio Pimentel is an environmental litigation associate in Stoel Rives' Environment, Land Use and Natural Resources group. Heraclio advocates for public and private entities' interests in the environmental sphere including water rights and regulation, the oil and gas industry, and land use. Heraclio has assisted clients in litigating contract disputes, settling citizen suits, and disputing adverse governmental determinations, and assisted water agencies in defending their interests. Prior to becoming an attorney, Heraclio spent four years teaching English in Japan. Heraclio is a member of the firm's DEI planning subcommittee. Heraclio is the first in his family to attend college.

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Firm Name: Stoel Rives LLP

Attorney #2

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Attorney #3

Name: _____

Email _____

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)



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Firm Name: Tucker Ellis LLP

Address: 1399 New York Ave. NW Suite 350

City, State, Zip: Washington, DC 20005

Phone: 202-505-6473 Fax: _____ Email: brian.brookey@tuckerellis.com

Please mark if your firm is: Minority Owned Woman Owned

Describe your firm's level of commitment to diversity.

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are not merely concepts at Tucker Ellis. Guided by our EDI Leadership Committee, we have established a dynamic set of objectives to help us reach our EDI goals:

- Embrace diversity in all its forms, including age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and belief systems
- Actively recruit and retain diverse attorneys
- Promote diverse candidates to firm leadership and partnership roles
- Encourage our attorneys to hold leadership roles in diverse organizations
- Offer professional development programming and other resources via inclusion resource groups for attorneys and staff from diverse backgrounds
- Encourage economically disadvantaged and minority students to pursue careers in the legal profession through our Pipeline Program
- Partner with clients to build diverse teams to staff their matters
- Provide continuing legal education (CLE) programming focused on inclusion issues
- Continue educating ourselves on ways to strengthen our EDI efforts
- Additionally, we hold ourselves accountable to our EDI pledges by participating in external audits of our progress through organizations such as Bloomberg Law and Diversity Lab and our involvement in the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD).

OTHER FIRM LOCATIONS

<u>Chicago, IL</u>	<u>Los Angeles, CA</u>	_____
<u>Cleveland, OH</u>	<u>San Francisco, CA</u>	_____
<u>Columbus, OH</u>	<u>St. Louis, MO</u>	_____

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug and Medical Device | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Premises Liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Litigation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Cannabis</u> | | | |

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Attorney #1

Name: Brian K. Brookey

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Brian Brookey specializes in intellectual property litigation, with expertise and success on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret litigation. Brian's practice is truly national in scope. Admitted in both California and Washington, D.C., Brian has litigated cases in approximately 20 states. He also handles matters in U.S. Courts of Appeals from coast to coast, before the International Trade Commission, and with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Brian represents a broad range of companies across numerous industries and technologies, including telecommunications, computer software, lasers, construction, apparel, lighting, medical devices, automotive,

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Firm Name: Tucker Ellis LLP

Attorney #2

Name: Charissa N. Walker

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Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)

Charissa Walker defends pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and healthcare service providers in product liability and medical malpractice claims. An experienced litigator, Charissa has defended actions in both state and federal courts throughout the United States. She takes and defends depositions, consults and prepares experts for deposition, drafts dispositive and evidentiary motions, argues oral motions, and negotiates favorable settlements on behalf of clients.

Charissa offers clients a unique perspective based on her prior experience in the public sector as a law clerk in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Her fundamental understanding of judicial decision-making and her familiarity with the inner workings of chambers enables her to critically analyze legal arguments.

Attorney #3

Name:

Email

Curriculum Vitae (100 Words or Less)