National Black Lawyers Recognize 3 Haynes Boone Attorneys as Top 40 Under 40

By Julian Sharp, Re'Necia Sherald, Dominique Baldwin, Khalil Bryant, Meica Green | October 29, 2024

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Haynes Boone Associates Sara Phipps, Julian Sharp and Re'Necia Sherald have accepted nominations to join the National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40.

The National Black Lawyers was created to celebrate legal excellence by promoting member attorneys as subject-matter experts, developing a strong national network of top African American attorneys, and facilitating the exchange of timely information to enable their members to maintain their status as leaders.

"Being recognized among some of the nation's leading legal professionals, many of whom I deeply admire, is truly an honor," said Sherald. "This recognition drives me to work harder towards bettering myself and my community, connecting with fellow NBL members and build meaningful opportunities for the next wave of Black legal talent."

"It feels surreal to be named among the Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Texas by the National Black Lawyers," Sharp shared. "It is an honor to be part of such a talented and inspiring group and I look forward to working with NBL to create pathways for future leaders in the legal field."

Phipps, Sharp and Sherald join the ranks of Dominique Baldwin, Khalil Bryant and Meica Green, who were recognized in the previous class of Top 40 Under 40.

"Receiving this honor from The National Black Lawyers is a proud moment in my career," said Phipps. "Being acknowledged alongside such distinguished Black attorneys motivates me to keep pushing forward and contributing to a brighter future for the next generation of Black legal minds."

Learn about the recognized associates below:

Phipps practices out of the Dallas office and focuses on mergers and acquisitions. She recently worked on the team that represented Nabors Industries Ltd. in its agreement to acquire Parker Wellbore in exchange for 4.8 million shares of Nabors common stock, valued at approximately $472 million, including debt. She also assisted in the deal financing for Construction Partners, Inc.'s pending acquisition of Lone Star Paving.

Sharp's litigation practice in Houston is bolstered from his experience working in federal courts, including an internship with Judge Timothy L. Brooks in the Western District of Arkansas, and post-graduate clerkships for Judge John L. Sinatra, Jr., in the Western District of New York and Chief Judge Lavenski R. Smith on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. His experience of working in three different courts brings a unique perspective to the issues that arise in his practice.

Sherald's practice in Houston revolves around restructuring, including representation of debtors and creditors in a variety of industries including aerospace, agriculture, cryptocurrency, mass toxic tort, oil and gas and retail. Sherald recently attended the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges where she was selected as a 2024 Blackshear Presidential Fellow.

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