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SHELDON STOKES RECOGNIZED AT 2024 MERITAS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Johnston Allison Hord partner **Sheldon Stokes** was recognized as *Highly Recommended* in the 2024 Meritas Women's Leadership Awards "Woman of the Year" section. The awards were presented at the Meritas Annual General Meeting hosted in Charlotte, North Carolina, and highlighted the organization's mission to support women in developing their legal careers and promote the amazing accomplishments of women within the organization. Sheldon was recognized for her leadership mentoring other attorneys, participating in strategic planning, and spearheading other initiatives within Johnston Allison Hord and **Meritas**.

"Meritas champions its women attorneys and has supported me through the journey of balancing a legal career and motherhood while building me into a leader in the organization," said Sheldon. "I could not be more excited to accept this award and be recognized for my achievements from such a wonderful organization."

Meritas Women's Leadership Council

In addition to being honored at the award ceremony, Sheldon was also selected to serve on the Meritas Women's Leadership Council. This new appointment follows a successful term on the organization's Board of Directors. Sheldon also served as Chair of the *Young Lawyer Advisor Board* where she spearheaded a rebranding initiative to the *Emerging Leaders Advisory Board*.

"Sheldon has set the bar high as a leader, mentor, and role model for our younger attorneys," said **Stephen Gennett**, Partner at Johnston Allison Hord. "Her high expectations bring out the best in those around her, and she is an example of how talent can grow and thrive here at the firm. I can't think of a more meritorious lawyer to receive this recognition."

"Being a part of Meritas not only allows my firm to remain independent here in Charlotte with the sophistication and reach of an international firm, but it allows me to meet and make lifelong friendships with exceptional people from around the world," added Sheldon.





From Right to Left: Alex Nibert, Iyanu Lipede, Sheldon Stokes, Stacy Reid-Monroe, and Jeanne Pearson

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