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Shirley Featured in *The Houston Lawyer* Story Titled “Mentoring Through MOILP – From Being Mentored to Serving as a Mentor”

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Katrisha Shirley, an associate in the Vorys Houston office, was the focus of a *The Houston Lawyer* story titled “Mentoring Through MOILP – From Being Mentored to Serving as a Mentor.” The story was about her participation in the Houston Bar Association’s Minority Opportunities in the Legal Profession (MOILP) Program and how that has impacted her legal career.

The story states:

“I grew up in Okinawa, and I am the first attorney in my family,’ Katrisha said, ‘so MOILP gave me the much needed first step in the Houston legal community.’ After working as a central briefing attorney for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Katrisha reconnected with many of the lawyers she met through the MOILP program when she joined Vorys. ‘I would not have gotten to know those lawyers that early without the program,’ Katrisha said. ‘Those connections opened and continue to open door for me.’

After all these positive mentoring experiences, it was only natural that Katrisha would take on a mentoring role of her own. Shortly after graduation, Katrisha began coaching moot court teams at her alma mater. Even while working full time at the Court of Appeals, Katrisha would spend 15-20 hours a week to help prepare a team of four students for competition. As an adjunct professor of appellate advocacy at Houston College of Law, Katrisha plans to continue to mentor Houston’s future lawyers. It’s just part of her way of giving back to the legal community that has given her great opportunities.”

To read the entire story, visit *The Houston Lawyer* [website](#).