



SWBLSA'S 8TH ANNUAL

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

JAN 17-21, 2024

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE 01/17-01/19



Wednesday, January 17, 2024

*Location: Oklahoma County Courthouse
620 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

7:45AM – Breakfast
8:15AM-8:30AM – Coaches Meeting
9:00AM – Competition Commencement w/ Judge Introduction
9:05AM – Opening Statements
12:00PM – Court Recess (Lunch)
1:00PM – Court Back In Session
3:30PM – 3:45PM – Short Court Recess
5:00PM – Court Adjourns For The Day



Thursday, January 18, 2024

*Location: Oklahoma County Courthouse
620 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

11:30 - 12:00PM - Coaches Meeting
12:10PM - Semifinal Round Commencement w/ Judge Introductions
12:15PM – Semifinal Round begins
2:15PM - Court Recess
4:00PM - Jury Deliberation
4:35 PM - Court Adjourns For the Day



Friday, January 19, 2024

*Location: William J. Holloway Federal Courthouse
200 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

9:00AM – Final Round Commencement w/ Judge Introduction
9:05AM – Opening Statements
12:00PM – Court Recess (Lunch)
1:00PM – Court Back In Session
3:30PM – 3:45PM – Short Court Recess
5:00PM – Court Adjourns For The Day

Winner is announced at Regional Gala on Saturday evening

Team Name assignments the preliminary schedule will communicated the week of convention.

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THURGOOD MARSHALL MOOT COURT COMPETITION SCHEDULE 01/17-01/19



Wednesday, January 17, 2024

*Location: Hall Estill Law Firm
100 N Broadway Ave STE 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

7:00AM - 9:00AM – Breakfast at Hall Estill
8:00AM - 8:30AM - Judges Orientation
9:00AM - 12:00PM - Preliminary Round #1
12:00PM - 1:00PM - Lunch at Hall Estill
1:00PM - 5:00PM - Preliminary Round #2



Thursday, January 18, 2024

*Location: Hall Estill Law Firm
100 N Broadway Ave STE 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

7:00AM - 9:00AM – Breakfast at Hall Estill
8:00AM - 8:30AM - Judges Orientation
9:00AM - 12:00PM - Semi Finals
12:00PM - 1:00PM - Lunch at Hall Estill



Friday, January 19, 2024

*Location: William J. Holloway Federal Courthouse
200 NW 4th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73102*

7:00AM - 8:00AM – Optional: Breakfast at Oklahoma City School of Law (McLaughlin Hall)
8:00AM - 8:30AM - Judges Orientation
8:00AM - 10AM - Third Place Round
10:00AM - 12:00PM - Final Round

Winner is announced (at Regional Gala on Saturday evening)

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Thursday, January 18, 2024

7:00PM - 9:30PM

Opening Night Mixer at Naughty Axes | 4407 SE 29th St, Del City, OK 73115



Friday, January 19, 2024

Oklahoma City University School of Law

Address: 800 N Harvey Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

7:30AM - 8:30AM

Breakfast at McLaughlin Hall

7:30AM - 9:30AM

Plenary Session I

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Community Service Initiative -

Location: Pivot OKC at 201 NE 50th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

12:15PM - 1:30PM

Sadie T.M Alexander LUNCHEON at McLaughlin Hall

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Voir Dire Training

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Panel: Crafting Your Career Roadmap: Mastering networking, resumes, LinkedIn, and Interview Preparations

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Fireside Chat: Discussing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

6:00PM - 11:00PM

Chair's Reception in partnership with the OKC Black Lawyers Association

Location: Cajun Corner at 312 NW 23rd St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103

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Saturday, January 20, 2024

Oklahoma City University School of Law

7:30 AM - 8:30AM

Breakfast at OCU LAW

8:30AM - 10:30AM

Plenary Session II

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Job Fair (Resume Collection) from employers

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Workshop: Pre-Law Student's Application Session

Breakout Discussions & Presenting Panelists

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Panel: Legal Careers Beyond the Courtroom

12:30PM - 1:30PM

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1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (Concurrent Panels)

#1 - The Niche Practice Panel: presented by Terry Bruner

#2 - Panel: Access Lex & Helix Bar Prep & MPRE

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel: A View From the Bench

6:00PM - 9:30PM

8th Annual Awards Gala and Keynote Address at the Skirvin Hotel

Guests are asked to wear shades of blue

Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00PM

SWBLSA After Dark: Details TBA

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM - VOIR DIRE TRAINING

- Voir Dire training is a legal process where attorneys prepare for jury selection. It involves honing skills to effectively question potential jurors, assess biases, and select a fair and impartial jury for a trial. Training will cover questioning techniques, understanding body language, and strategies for identifying juror biases.

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM - CRAFTING YOUR CAREER ROADMAP: MASTERING NETWORKING, RESUMES, LINKEDIN, & INTERVIEW PREPARATION

This panel will guide individuals in strategically planning and advancing their careers. The discussion will likely cover various aspects of career development, offering valuable insights and practical tips for navigating the job market.

1. Networking Mastery:

- Strategies for effective networking.
- Building and maintaining professional relationships.

2. Resume Optimization:

- Crafting targeted and impactful resumes.
- Addressing resume gaps and challenges.

3. LinkedIn Excellence:

- Creating standout LinkedIn profiles.
- Leveraging LinkedIn for networking.

4. Interview Preparation:

- Strategies for confident and successful interviews.
- Navigating behavioral and situational questions.

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 2024 (cont.)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - FIRESIDE CHAT: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

- The panel will delve into the importance of fostering diverse and inclusive environments in workplaces, educational institutions, and communities, highlighting the tangible benefits derived from varied perspectives. Addressing challenges and opportunities, the discussion will emphasize actionable strategies for promoting inclusivity, tackling biases, and incorporating ethical considerations. Ultimately, the panel seeks to empower attendees with knowledge and practical approaches to champion diversity, equity, and inclusion in their respective spheres.



SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 2024

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - LEGAL CAREERS BEYOND THE COURTROOM

- "Legal Careers Beyond the Courtroom" is a dynamic panel designed to explore diverse and compelling career paths within the legal profession that extend far beyond traditional courtroom settings. This engaging discussion offers attendees a comprehensive look at alternative avenues and opportunities within the legal field. Panelists, who have navigated varied and impactful careers, will share their unique experiences, shedding light on non-traditional roles, such as cyber security, corporate counsel, and more. The panel aims to inspire and inform aspiring legal professionals about the vast array of possibilities available outside the courtroom. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into the skills, experiences, and perspectives that contribute to success in these alternative legal careers.

PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 2024 (cont.)

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM - PANEL #1: THE NICHE PRACTICE

- Terry Bruner has his own niche law practice at the intersection of real estate and government located in Houston, TX. He is launching an online course about starting your own niche law practice as an alternative path to working for Big Law.

1:30 PM-2:45 PM - PANEL #2: ACCESS LEX, HELIX, & MPRE PREP

- These companies offer a variety of comprehensive courses, adaptive learning technologies, expert instruction, and practice materials tailored to individual study preferences. Whether focusing on LSAT strategies or bar exam content, these reputable companies play a vital role in equipping individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in standardized testing and legal examinations.

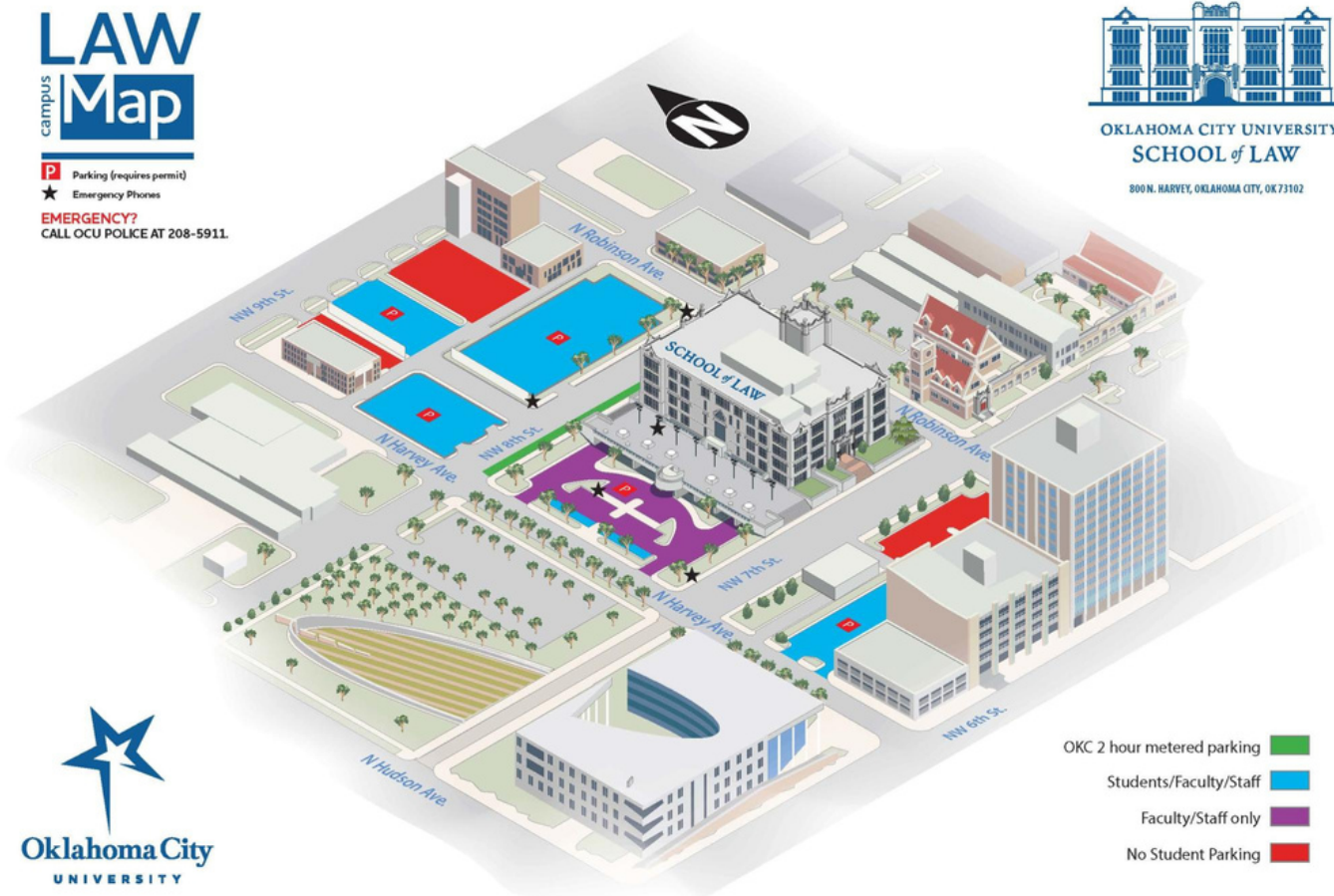
3:00 PM-4:00 PM - A VIEW FROM THE BENCH

- "A View from the Bench" is a panel that offers a unique and insightful perspective from the judiciary, providing attendees with an opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the legal system through the lens of esteemed judges. This panel promises to delve into various aspects of the judicial process, offering valuable insights into the decision-making process, and the challenges faced by the judiciary. Attendees will hear directly from the judges about why they chose to embark on the judicial path. The panelists will share personal narratives, detailing their journeys from practicing attorneys to esteemed judges. By drawing comparisons between these roles, the judges aim to illuminate the distinct responsibilities and challenges associated with each, offering a nuanced perspective on the evolution of their legal careers.

MAP & PARKING INFO

Parking at the Law School

Participants, sponsors and students can park on the street and the purple or blue lots for free all day on Saturday. On Friday, street parking should be the best preference until the conclusion of the business day.



HOST HOTEL

The Skirvin Hotel by Hilton is the host hotel.
Rooms are available for booking until 01/10/24.

