The City’s Law School Welcomes Ukrainian Delegation to Campus

(OKLAHOMA CITY – September 17, 2012) – A delegation of Ukrainians will visit Oklahoma City University School of Law Tuesday, September 18, 2012. The delegation includes five legal educators and one facilitator.

“We look forward to the opportunity to exchange ideas and teaching methods with our Ukrainian visitors,” said Laurie Jones, Associate Dean for Admissions. “We are also grateful to Justice Noma D. Gurich for her coordination of the Ukrainian delegation’s time in Oklahoma City.”

The purpose of the Ukrainian trip to the United States is to focus on criminal law and criminal law procedures, which is why the delegation will spend time at the Oklahoma Innocence Project (OIP). The OIP opened in August 2011 with the mission of identifying and rectifying cases of wrongful conviction in the state of Oklahoma. Professor and OIP Director Tiffany Murphy will give a tour of the Project’s facilities, as well as provide a brief history and overview of the Project. Additionally, Professor Murphy will conduct a mock clinical class for the delegation.

The delegation will also attend an Applied Criminal Procedure Class during their visit to Oklahoma City University School of Law. The class is taught by Professor Charles Cantrell and focuses on the adjudicatory aspects of criminal procedure from pretrial release, discovery and disclosure, double jeopardy, as well as other phases of the criminal trial.

The delegation will have lunch at the law school with members of the faculty before departing for the Oklahoma County Courthouse.

In September 2011, Oklahoma City University School of Law hosted a delegation of six Russians who spent two days on campus learning more about the law school’s clinical legal education programs.

The Ukrainian Rule of Law Delegation’s visit to the United States is sponsored by Open World Leadership Center in Washington, D.C. Open World (www.openworld.gov) is a U.S. exchange program with post-Soviet countries that began in 1999. Since that time, more than 2,100 Russian and Ukrainian judges and legal professionals have come to the U.S. to learn more about our court system and the rule of law.

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