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Law School Hosts Chinese Legal Educators at the Second International Symposium on Sino-American Comparative Law

This unique daylong symposium continues to strengthen law school’s ties with China

(OKLAHOMA CITY – April 30, 2013) – Oklahoma City University School of Law will host 30 professors and deans from eight Chinese law schools during the Second International Symposium on Sino-American Comparative Law Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Sarkeys Law Center. During the daylong symposium professors from both countries will exchange summaries of their recent research and compare legal trends in the world’s two largest economies.

The Symposium will consist of a series of concurrent panels of three to four professors or deans addressing issues in the same field of law. The panels will include: legal theory, constitutional law, environmental law, criminal justice, family law and government regulation of business. The Symposium will conclude with a plenary session examining the influence of American legal education on law schools in China. All of the proceedings will be conducted in English.

The participating Chinese law schools are affiliated with some of China’s most highly regarded universities:

- Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai, School of Government and Law (Zhuhai, Guangdong Province)
- Civil Aviation University of China School of Law (Tianjin)
- Hunan University School of Law (Changsha, Hunan Province)
- Nankai University School of Law (Tianjin)
- Renmin University School of Law (Beijing)
- Southwest University for Nationalities School of Law (Chengdu, Sichuan Province)
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law (Chongqing)
- Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, School of Criminal Justice (Wuhan, Hubei Province)

The Symposium is underwritten, in part, by gifts from Robert and MeiLi Hefner, The Wang Family Foundation and the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (FBA). Local attorneys who wish to attend the symposium can receive seven hours of Continuing Legal Education credit.

Dating back to 2005, Oklahoma City University School of Law has established a series of exchange programs with several of the Symposium’s participating Chinese Law Schools.
The law school offers a summer study-abroad program for American law students to study at Nankai University School of Law. Participating students earn academic credit toward their J.D. degree and have an opportunity to intern at a Chinese law firm with a business clientele.

The law school provides a four-week summer study program for Chinese law students. The Certificate in American Law Program offers an overview of the American legal system and the roles that lawyers play in it. Students attend classes at the law school during the day and enjoying cultural activities at night and during the weekend.

The law school hosts a number of visiting scholars from universities throughout China. Supported by a Chinese Ministry of Education program, similar to America’s Fulbright Scholars Program, the visiting Chinese professors conduct research, write books and law review articles, audit classes and interact with our law school professors during their time on campus. Four visiting professors from China are in residence at the law school this semester. And in the fall of 2013, two senior professors from the National Judges College, under China’s Supreme People’s Court, will spend three months at Oklahoma City University School of Law observing teaching methods using the case system of legal education.

There are plans to add to our existing programs and partnerships with Chinese Law Schools when Oklahoma City University School of Law moves to its downtown location.

The First International Symposium on Sino-American Comparative Law was hosted by Nankai University School of Law. Nine members of the Oklahoma City University School of Law faculty and administration participated.

Media are invited to cover the symposium as it is taking place. Participants who speak English will be available for interviews from 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2013. However, media are invited to attend any of the symposium sessions to get video and/or pictures. A schedule for the day can be found on the law school's web site at law.okcu.edu. For questions or to confirm your attendance, please contact Brook Arbeitman at (405) 208-6300 or bbarbeitman@okcu.edu.

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