# Oklahoma Sunshine ’11: Putting Muscle Behind Oklahoma’s FOI Laws

**Kick off Sunshine Week with FOI Oklahoma’s 2011 Sunshine Conference**

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<td><strong>Welcome</strong>&lt;br&gt;OSU journalism professor Joey Senat explains FOI Oklahoma Inc.’s sunshine initiatives and what you can do to strengthen open government in the state.</td>
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<td><strong>Open Government Laws: Making Them Work</strong>&lt;br&gt;Feel helpless when officials deny you access to a public record or violate the Open Meeting Act? Robert J. Freeman, executive director of the New York State Committee on Open Government, offers advice on creating a state agency, or some other entity or option, that Oklahomans can go to for help when officials wrongly withhold records or restrict access to open meetings.</td>
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<td><strong>FOI at the Capitol</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mark Thomas, executive vice president of the Oklahoma Press Association, analyzes proposed legislation to limit or expand the public’s right to know in Oklahoma.</td>
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<td><strong>Spreading Some Sunshine in the State Legislature</strong>&lt;br&gt;Rep. Jason Murphey, R-Guthrie, explains his bill requiring the Legislature to comply with the Open Records and Open Meeting laws and discusses other efforts to make the Legislature more transparent.</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong>&lt;br&gt;FOI Oklahoma pays tribute to the late Justice Marian Opala. Recipients of the 2011 Marian Opala First Amendment Award and three freedom-of-information awards will be recognized, as will the winners of our first FOI essay contest for college students.</td>
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<td><strong>Local Heroes</strong>&lt;br&gt;These non-journalists explain the lawsuits they filed in the past year to enforce our open government laws. Scheduled to participate are Sharon Hurst and Joel Rabin of Bartlesville and Hank Moore of Stillwater.</td>
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| **March 12** | **The Oklahoman Tower** 9000 N. Broadway, OKC  
*Use the Britton Road Entrance*  
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| 2:15 PM  | **Putting Oklahoma’s FOI Laws to Work**<br>Experts explain how to make use of the state’s Open Records Act and to spot the most-likely violations of the Open Meeting Act. Scheduled to participate are Bryan Dean and Paul Monies of The Oklahoman and Gay Tudor of the state Attorney General's Office. |
| 3:00 PM  | **Adjourn**                                                           |
| 3:45 PM  | **Bids Close on Silent Auction**                                      |
| **Marian Opala First Amendment Award** | Joann Bell  
Former Executive Director  
ACLU - Oklahoma  
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| **FOI Award Winners** | (To Be Announced Saturday)  
**Blackstock Award** –  
**Sunshine Award** –  
**Blackhole Award** –  
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| **FOI Essay Contest Winners** | **First Place** – Nicole Hill  
University of Oklahoma  
**Second Place** – Liz Watkins  
Oklahoma State University  
**Third Place** – Elizabeth Goodfellow  
Oklahoma State University  
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Oklahoma Sunshine ’11 Registration Form

Advance Registration Deadline: March 9, 2011
Please Register Early! Seating is Limited!

Number of registrations

Early Registration: (received by March 9) _____ x $30
Includes lunch and one-year membership in FOI Oklahoma Inc.

Special Rate for College/High School Students _____ x $15
Includes lunch and one-year membership in FOI Oklahoma Inc.

Special Rate for FOI Oklahoma Inc. Members _____ x $10

Additional $5 for registrations received after March 9

Total $__________

Make check or money order payable to FOI Oklahoma

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List Additional Names and Contact Information as needed for FOI Oklahoma Inc. One-Year Membership