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# Awards to be Presented at the Women in Law Conference

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The Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight and the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Diversity Awards will be presented at the Women in Law Conference luncheon on Friday, Oct. 21, at 11:40 a.m. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Downtown/Medical Center, 741 North Phillips Ave., in Oklahoma City.

The conference theme this year is “Just Desserts: The Sweet Rewards of Civic Service.” The program includes keynote speaker Jo-Ellan Dimitrius and her presentation of “How to Understand People and Predict Their Behavior.” The CLE portion of the event will offer six hours of education including one hour of ethics. Register by Oct. 17 and pay only \$150 (includes luncheon). To register and for more information go to [tinyurl.com/OCT21WILC](http://tinyurl.com/OCT21WILC).

**MONA SALYER LAMBIRD SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the presentation of the Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Awards. Since 1996 the Spotlight Awards have been given annually to five women who have distin-

guished themselves in the legal profession and who have lighted the way for other women. The award was later renamed to honor 1996 OBA President Mona Salyer Lambird, who died in 1999, was the first woman to serve as OBA president and was one of the award’s first recipients. The award is sponsored by the OBA Women in Law Committee. The 2016 recipients are:



Jennifer Castillo

Jennifer Castillo, a 2002 graduate of the OCU School of Law, is an attorney with OG&E. She previously worked in the Oklahoma City office of Hall Estill practicing in the areas of administrative law, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, general civil litigation and *ad valorem* tax matters.

**Friday, Oct. 21**

**Embassy Suites  
Downtown/Medical Plaza  
Oklahoma City**

- \$200 Walk-In (CLE and Luncheon)
- \$175 Online Registration (CLE and Luncheon)
- \$129 Room Reservations
- \$40 Awards Luncheon Only
- \$10 Program discount for online registration of full conference

She was chair of the OBA Young Lawyers Division in 2012. Ms. Castillo is currently serving as OBA Awards Committee chair and secretary and treasurer of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation. She will serve as OBA vice president in 2017. She is also a member of the Ruth Bader Ginsburg American Inn of Court.



Judge Sheila Condren currently serves as district judge for the 12th Judicial District consisting of Rogers, Mayes and Craig counties. Judge Condren was first appointed to the bench in 2000 as a special judge and was later appointed by the governor in 2006 as the associate district judge for Rogers County; a



*Diversity Committee*

The committee evaluates how diversity makes Crowe & Dunlevy a better firm and how it may best be used to serve the firm's existing clients and develop relationships with potential new clients. It also seeks to retain and advance the careers of women and minority lawyers within the firm.

The firm has long supported diversity initiatives at the national and local levels. In 1999, the firm was a founding member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Legal Opportunity Scholarship, created for the purpose of assisting talented young minority students in completing their legal studies.

The firm has historically been a sponsor of the ABA Spirit of Excellence Awards Luncheon, at which lawyers and others are recognized for their works in creating diversity in the legal profession and advancing justice for minority Americans. Additionally, the firm encourages and supports an attorney who serves annu-

ally as a coach for the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Chapter of the Black Law Students Association at the OU College of Law's Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition team.



*Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) – Students Connecting with Mentors for Success Mentoring Program (SCMS)*

In order to address the national statistic that over 80 percent of students who attend a community college never graduate, OCCC inaugurated a mentoring initiative. The purpose of the Students Connecting with Mentors for Success program is to improve the academic achievement, retention and graduation rates of its students, with the goal of preparing them to transfer to a four-year university or successfully enter the workforce.

OCCC is achieving this by providing professionals from the community to serve as mentors and provide one-on-

one supportive relationships to its students. Mentors offer advice, insight and guidance to mentees regarding academic and professional pursuits and general life matters. Students must be coachable, cooperative and willing to be held accountable by mentors. Mentors may use their personal contacts to help mentees meet industry professionals, find internships and locate job opportunities.

**ABOUT THE AUTHORS**



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Women in Law chairperson. She has held many OBA and Tulsa County Bar Association leadership positions, including a term on the OBA Board of Governors. She has a bachelor's degree from OSU and a law degree from the University of Kansas School of Law.