Order of Barristers/Order of Solicitors
University of Oklahoma College of Law

APPLICATION

The Competition Committee will select students to become members of the National Order of Barristers and the Order of Solicitors. A copy of the selection policy is attached to this application. If you want to be considered for membership, please complete this application and return it to Connie Smothermon (csmothermon@ou.edu) by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Failure to timely return your application will eliminate your eligibility for membership. You may attach additional pages to this Application. Please only write on one side of each sheet of paper you attach.

Name_________________________________

1. Have you been a member of a College of Law interscholastic competition team?

   Yes_______    No_______

   Describe which team or teams as well as your team's performance and any honors your team(s) received. _____________________________________________________
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2. Did you participate in the 1L Moot Court Competition?   Yes_______   No_______

   Describe your performance and any honor you or your team received. ________________  
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3. Did you participate in the Calvert Moot Court Competition or the Whitten Burrage All-School Negotiation Competition?

   Yes ________  No ________

   Describe your performance and any honor you or your team received. Include where your team placed in the competition. _____________________________________________________
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4. Were you an officer of the Board of Advocates?     Yes______  No_______

   If yes, what offices have you held? _____________________________________________
   Describe your responsibilities. ________________________________________________

5. Describe your participation in try-outs for competition teams when you were not selected as a member of the team. __________________________________________

6. On a separate sheet of paper, tell us why you think your overall performance in the College of Law Advocacy Program merits selection to either the Order of Barristers or the Order of Solicitors.
Policy on Selection

1. Student members shall be selected prior to the observance of Awards Day at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

2. Student members shall be selected by the Awards Day/Competition Committee, with the approval of the Dean, from those students who graduated in December or are scheduled to graduate in May or July following their selection.

3. Pursuant to National Rule, no more than ten (10) student members shall be selected each year for the Order of Barristers.

4. Selection of student members shall be based on the following criteria:
   (a) First priority shall be given to any student on a moot court or mock trial team that finishes first or second in the National Championship for that competition.
   
   (b) Special consideration shall be given to any student who competes and performs exceptionally on two or more interscholastic competition teams.
   
   (c) Special consideration shall be given to those students who compete on one competition team and demonstrate outstanding overall performance in the advocacy program at the College of Law.

5. In selecting the members for the Order of Barristers and the Order of Solicitors, the Award Day/Competition Committee shall consider the following factors indicating outstanding overall performance:
   (a) The performance of a student's competition team in a regional or national competition, including the advancement of the team from regional to national competition, if applicable.
   
   (b) The honors received by an individual student or a student's competition team such as best speaker or best brief.
   
   (c) Serving as a leading officer of the Board of Advocates.
   
   (d) The dedication of the student to the overall success of the student's team performance, including quality of work on written briefs and oral presentations, ability to work together as a team and accomplish team goals, and attendance and preparation during the practice rounds of the student's competition team.
   
   (e) The student's performance in try-outs for competition teams when the student is not chosen as a member of the team.

6. A competition team as used in this selection criteria includes a student's membership on all interscholastic competition teams selected by the College of Law and coached by a person designated by the Dean and participation in the final round of the Board of Advocates first year competition. However, all things being equal, in keeping with the history, tradition and purpose of the National Order of Barristers, participation in moot and mock competitions will be given special consideration, particularly in light of the overall time dedication to the moot and mock competitions, as opposed to the skills competitions.