

# Oklahoma Sunshine '09: *Because It's Your Right to Know*

Kick off Sunshine Week with FOI Oklahoma's 2009 Sunshine Conference

- 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 9:00 AM **Welcome**  
OSU journalism professor **Joey Senat** explains FOI Oklahoma Inc.'s sunshine initiatives and what you can do to strengthen open government in the state.
- 9:10 AM **FOI at the Capitol**  
Well-respected former state Capitol reporters **John Greiner** and **Mick Hinton** analyze current bills in the Legislature that would threaten or expand the public's right to know in Oklahoma.
- 9:50 AM **Break**
- 10:00 AM **Exercising Your Right to Know**  
Award-winning government reporters **Bryan Dean** of The Oklahoman and **Tony Thornton**, now with Devon Energy, answer questions and offer practical advice for requesting public records and confronting closed meetings under our Open Meeting and Records laws.
- 10:50 AM **Break**
- 11:00 AM **Government Transparency Online**  
Given that government records belong to the public, shouldn't we expect that information online for free and easier access? Or is posting data on the WWW more difficult and expensive than we think? FOI Oklahoma Inc. members and news organizations surveyed the Web sites of state agencies, county and city governments, and public school districts. Find out what we learned about their efforts to make government more transparent via the World Wide Web. Our speakers also discuss the challenges that governments face when making use of the Web. Panelists are **Mark Mitchell**, general manager of OK.gov; **Paul Monies**, database editor of The Oklahoman; **Joey Senat**, OSU School of Journalism & Broadcasting
- Noon **Lunch**  
FOI Oklahoma Inc.'s 2009 freedom of information award winners will be announced.



**MARCH 14**

**THE OKLAHOMAN TOWER  
9000 N. BROADWAY, OKC**

### Directions

- Enter *The Oklahoman* campus from **Britton Road**.
- Tell the guards at the gate that you are attending the conference. They will point you to the parking area.

## Oklahoma Sunshine '09 Registration Form

Advance Registration **Deadline: March 11, 2009**

*Please Register Early! Seating is Limited!*

*Number of registrations*

**Early Registration: (received by March 11)** \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$30**  
Includes lunch and one-year membership in FOI Oklahoma Inc.

Make check or money order **payable to FOI Oklahoma**

*Mail this form and payment to:*

*Special Rate for College/High School Students* \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$15**  
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*Special Rate for FOI Oklahoma Inc. Members* \_\_\_\_\_ x **Free**  
*(Please register for lunch count)*

**Additional \$5 for registrations received after March 11**

*Purchase Orders, and Visa and MasterCard  
payments can also be accepted.  
Please contact the Oklahoma Library Association.*

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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