

# Phillips Murrah attorneys judge Calvert Moot Court competition



Attorneys Robert Campbell, Cody Cooper, and Kayce Gisinger volunteer to judge OU College of Law's Calvert Moot Court competition.

Phillips Murrah attorneys [Robert Campbell](#), [Cody Cooper](#), and [Kayce Gisinger](#) are flipping the script by judging in the [University of Oklahoma College of Law's](#) Calvert Moot Court competition this week.

During the annual competition, second and third year law students compete as teams against one another in a series of rounds and those with the best records advance to the finals. Each attorney volunteered to act as a judge for preliminary rounds of competition.

"The students did an excellent job and their hard work and preparation definitely showed through their presentation and analysis of complex constitutional issues," Cooper said. "I really enjoy getting to go back to the school and volunteer to help the law students because it is an opportunity to help students develop and also lets me take an objective look at what presentation methods are persuasive and effective so that

I can carry those observations over into my own practice.”

This year the competition revolves around the case of [Kansas v. Carr, No. 14-450](#), pending in the U.S. Supreme Court. The arguments are centered around the appropriate weight given to mitigating circumstances in a capital sentencing, said Leann Farha, a student at OU College of Law who helped organize the teams for the competition.

“One of the most valuable aspects of a competition is the participation of the judges,” she said. “The judges in each round provide feedback that will not only help students during the competition, but will also impact their future legal careers.”

The prizes are as follows: \$500 each for the winning team, \$250 each for the first runner-up, and \$100 for the best individual speaker, said Mitch McGrew, External Relations Director for the Board of Advocates at OU College of Law.

The final round of the competition will take place at noon on Friday, October 30 in OU’s Bell Courtroom for those interested in attending.

To follow along and get more information about the competition, [visit the OU Board of Advocates Facebook page here](#) or [follow them on Twitter here](#).