

Phillips Murrah attorneys “burn-up” competition in chili cook-off



Phillips Murrah attorneys prepare to compete in the OCBA Chili Cook-off.

Phillips Murrah attorneys competed in teams against local law firms to show off their chili-making chops.

Attorneys [Hilary Hudson Clifton](#), [Cody J. Cooper](#), [Erica K. Halley](#), Samuel D. Newton, Ashley M. Schovanec, and Monica Y. Ybarra represented Phillips Murrah law firm in Oklahoma County Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division's annual Chili Cook-off on Feb. 9 at Anthem Brewing Company.

The competition formally kicks off the YLD's year-long commitment to the [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#), raising funds and awareness within the community to support the mission of the Regional Food Bank and the Oklahomans who rely on its services.

“Judges from Oklahoma County are invited to judge the chili, and a lot of law firms put together teams and try to take home a trophy,” Clifton said.

Teams were judged in different categories including Best Overall, Traditional, Non-Traditional, and Hottest Chilis.

Newton won the Best Traditional Chili category, and Clifton won the Hottest Chili category on behalf of Phillips Murrah's teams at this year's cook-off. The team's secret to the hottest chili: habanero peppers and spicy buffalo cheese.

"Attorneys from all practice areas come out just to enjoy some chili and have a good time—and it's all for a great cause," Clifton said. "The bragging rights are fun, but the event is really about members of the Oklahoma County Bar getting together for a fun evening and a good cause."

Phillips Murrah has had at least one team compete in the Chili Cook-Off each year since it first started more than ten years ago.