

Sandy Coats to Speak at SWOSU Law Day Program

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Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma Sandy Coats will be featured speaker at the SWOSU Law Day program this Monday, April 14, on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to the 7 p.m. program in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom on the SWOSU campus. Admission is free.

Coats was born and raised in Oklahoma City and graduated from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in 1990. He attended Tulane University of Louisiana, graduating in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a minor in economics. While at Tulane, Coats was a member of the Tulane College Senate for three years, serving as an officer for two years. He was a member of the Associated Student Body Senate for three years as well. In 1994 he was presented the Fraternity Man of the Year award from the Order of Omega and inducted into Kappa Delta Phi, a Tulane honorary society.

Coats graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1998 and was in private practice with Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey and Tippens, an Oklahoma law firm, until December 2003. In January 2004 he was sworn in as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma. Since then Coats has prosecuted cases including crimes against children, crimes in Indian Country, violent crime, firearms crimes and narcotics crimes.

From April 2007 to September 2007, Coats was on detail to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans to assist with the recovery of that district after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. In October 2007, he was recognized with a Director's Award from the Director of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys in Washington, D.C. for his work with Operation Stormy Nights, an investigation into child prostitution. Also in October 2007, he was named Chief of the Major Crimes Team in the Western District of Oklahoma.

Coats is married and has three children, sons who are six and one and a daughter that is three.