

Shannon Warren – Bio

Shannon is the Founder/CEO of the Oklahoma Business Ethics Consortium (“OK Ethics”).

Beginning as a small discussion group in October, 2003, this Oklahoma initiative has become a forum for the promotion of high ethical standards in business. Today, the organization has flourished with nearly 1000 members representing over 200 companies in chapters established in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Monthly events feature prominent local speakers as well as national leaders. Past presenters include Chuck Colson, Stephen M. R. Covey, Worldcom’s whistleblower Cynthia Cooper and countless CEOs. Planned events will feature NBC Commentator and *Dallas Morning News* “Watchdog Nation” columnist Dave Lieber as well as President Gerald Ford’s son, Steve.

With the help of many dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, Shannon also established a sister organization, the OK Ethics Foundation (now known as the Student Education and Ethics Development Foundation or S.E.E.D). Designed specifically to reach out to students, this group sponsors annual student ethics bowls for high school and university students.

Prior to establishing OK Ethics, Shannon served as a Human Resources executive for hospitality and energy entities as well as an international publishing company in Tulsa. She held progressively responsible leadership roles with the Tulsa Area Human Resources Association and was later honored by that organization with an Excellence Award. She moved back to Oklahoma City to care for her aging parents, who taught her the values of honesty and generosity of service. Today, she continues her work with OK Ethics in honor of their memory.

A graduate of Oklahoma State University, Shannon achieved her Masters in Leadership and Management from Oklahoma City University. She writes a monthly business ethics column for *The Journal Record*. She has also served as an adjunct professor for graduate students in the area of bioethics and business ethics.