

# Tulsa EWI Connect

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

WARREN PROFESSIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Dear EWI Sisters,

As we step into the vibrant month of June, I'm filled with gratitude and excitement for all that we've accomplished together and all that lies ahead. The energy, commitment, and leadership each of you brings to our chapter continues to inspire me daily.

This past month, we've seen incredible engagement—from our impactful professional development sessions to the meaningful connections made at our monthly chapter meeting and networking events. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, talent, and heart to making these moments possible. June marks a time of both reflection and forward momentum. As we approach the mid-year mark, let's take a moment to celebrate our wins—big and small—and recommit to our mission of enhancing personal and professional growth through careers, community, and connections. Looking ahead, I encourage each of you to:

- **Engage:** Attend our upcoming events and invite a guest who could benefit from the EWI experience.
- **Empower:** Share your story, mentor a fellow member, or step into a leadership role.
- **Elevate:** Continue to grow—personally and professionally—and bring others along with you.

Together, we are building a legacy of leadership and support that extends far beyond our meetings. Let's continue to lift each other up and lead by example!

Wishing you a joyful and productive June!

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand."  
-- Woodrow Wilson

With appreciation,



2024-2025

EWI Tulsa Chapter President

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# MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

## JUNE CHAPTER MEETING EWI MINI FIRM NIGHT

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS! SHOW OFF YOUR BUSINESS AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW PROFESSIONALS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE!

**Date:** Thursday, June 12

**Time:** 5:30 PM Social | 6:30 PM Meeting

**Venue:** \*TYPE IN PHYSICAL ADDRESS\* The Ranch-  
10596 S Elm St, Jenks, OK 74037

**Parking:** Free parking available at meeting location

**Dress:** Business Professional

**Cost:** \$45 Members & Guests | \$30 Sustaining

Please **click here** to connect to the RSVP form.

RSVP by **noon on Monday, June 9** so that we may provide the appropriate seating arrangements and dinner servings. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

**No-RSVP and No-Shows** will be charged the full amount of the meeting fee. Please RSVP for regrets or attending!

We appreciate your continued door prize donations! If you have a door prize ready, please reserve your donation for our July meeting. In support of our participating firms, we would like to reserve door prizes and raffles for those select companies.





# ★ YOU'RE INVITED ★

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL TULSA CHAPTER**

## **JUNE MONTHLY MEETING & MINI FIRM NIGHT**

 THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH | 5:30 P.M.  THE RANCH – JENKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
10596 S. ELM ST, JENKS, OK 74037

### ◆ WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

ANY EWI MEMBER INTERESTED IN SHOWCASING THEIR FIRM!  
THIS IS THE PERFECT MEETING FOR EXECUTIVES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRMS WE HAVE  
WITHIN OUR EWI CHAPTER! (SAME RSVP AND PAYMENT POLICIES APPLY)

### ◆ WHAT'S INVOLVED?

COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM RESERVE A TABLE REPRESENTING YOUR  
FIRM SUBMIT A 2-MINUTE VIDEO (PREFERRED) OR VOICED OVER  
POWERPOINT

NEED TECH HELP? CONTACT: VICTORIA GORDEYEV

 VGORDEYEV@WORLDTVL.COM  612-384-6033

### ◆ IMPORTANT DEADLINES

MONDAY, MAY 12 – BY NOON HAVE FORM SUBMITTED & TABLE RESERVED  
CONTACT: MARNIE CHOISNARD

 CHOISNAM@GMAIL.COM |  918-519-5611

\*limited space—first come, first served if necessary

### **MONDAY, JUNE 2 – BY NOON**

2-MINUTE VIDEO SUBMITTED

SEND TO: VICTORIA GORDEYEV VIA EMAIL OR DROPBOX (VIDEO  
OPTIONAL – POWERPOINT WITH VOICEOVER ACCEPTED TOO!)

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 12 – 5:30 P.M.**

SHOWTIME: TABLES READY FOR DISPLAY BY 5:30 PM

MAKE IT AN “EXPERIENCE” & DECORATE YOUR TABLE!

TAKE IT UP A NOTCH... ADD A LITTLE SWAG, DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE ITEMS, ETC!

 LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS!

SHOW OFF YOUR BUSINESS AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW PROFESSIONALS.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE!

Membership contest

# WIN A FREE LCAM REGISTRATION

**Contest Period: May 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025**

The Top 3 Chapters to bring in the most New Members by July 31<sup>st</sup> will receive 1 LCAM Registration for FREE!

Winning Chapters will be responsible for airfare and hotel for the representative attending the 2025 LCAM in Houston, Texas.



[SIGN UP NOW](#)



SALE SALE

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

**BUY ONE GET ONE  
50% OFF**

JOIN TODAY: PAY YOUR CHAPTER FEES AND GET  
HALF OFF THE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP FEES  
FOR YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR.

(SALE DATES: MAY 1, 2025 - AUG. 31, 2025)



SALE SALE

**1/2 OFF CORPORATE FEES**

## EWI Tulsa – Target Industries for our Summer to Shine Membership Drive

As we gear up for our **Summer to Shine** Membership Campaign, we're spotlighting ten industries where we see opportunities for growth and influence. Below is a curated list of high-potential verticals and a few example Tulsa-area firms **not currently represented in our membership**. We would like to focus our efforts on attracting more large firms, meaning organizations with at least 250 employees, and the vetting process would still be required. These companies serve as examples only and potential members are not limited to list.

### Energy & Utilities

- Matrix Service Company
- NGL Energy Partners

### Healthcare & Insurance

- Ascension St. John
- CommunityCare
- GlobalHealth

### Government & Public Sector

- City of Tulsa – Mayor's Office, HR, Finance
- Tulsa County Sheriff's Office
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS)

### Education & Workforce Development

- Tulsa Innovation Labs
- Jenks & Union Public Schools
- Oklahoma State University – Tulsa

### Technology & Engineering

- Insight Global (Tulsa office)
- HCSC (Health Care Service Corporation) IT Hub
- Stonebridge Consulting

### Media, Marketing & Communications

- Stephens Media Group
- Saxum
- VAST Media

### Construction

- Manhattan Construction Group
- Crossland Construction Company

### Hospitality, Events & Tourism

- Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa
- Gathering Place (Corporate Office/Admin)
- Visit Tulsa / Tulsa Regional Tourism

### Retail, Consumer Goods & Manufacturing

- Jasco Products
- Kimberly-Clark
- Nordam

### Aerospace & Aviation

- American Airlines
- L3Harris Technologies
- Nordam Aerospace Solutions

### How You Can Help

Think about who you know—personally or professionally—within these firms or industries. Our chapter's strength lies in the diversity and caliber of our membership, and your network is the key to helping us grow with intention.

#### Keep in Mind:

- The special quarterly bag drawing for any ladies who successfully recruit a new member!
- We are a non-compete chapter and all potential members must be vetted.
- Potential members can attend 2 chapter meetings as a guest, but membership only covers the meeting dues once.

***Let's open doors, make connections, and invite more incredible women to EWI Tulsa!***

# MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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*Thank  
You!*

## What a great BCDP Scholarship Banquet at Tulsa Tech!

A big thank you to Tulsa Tech for graciously hosting the venue. We're so grateful for an evening filled with celebration, inspiration, and support for our amazing scholarship recipients.



# MAY MONTHLY MEETING FEEDBACK

## THE MEAL

The salad and dessert, especially the bread pudding, were well-received. The chicken Florentine got mixed feedback, and several guests wished coffee had been offered with dessert. Some noted issues with the vegetables and chicken, but the service was praised. One person reported getting sick from undercooked chicken.

## THE VENUE

The venue was described as beautiful, clean, and welcoming, with helpful staff and great views. Attendees liked the sound and IT setup. Some felt the location was too far from central Tulsa and suggested better directions. There was also a mention of aggressive geese in the parking lot.

## THE PRESENTATION

The speaker was widely praised as inspirational, engaging, and relatable. Many said he held their attention and would love to hear him again.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### ANGIE WALTERS

Angie Walters joined the firm in 2013 to serve as an executive assistant to Schnake's management team. Prior to working at Schnake, Angie spent nearly ten years as an executive assistant at the Tulsa Regional Chamber. Before her time at the Chamber, she spent many years working in the law and private investigator fields, working as a legal clerk, court-appointed special advocate, and licensed private investigator (you should ask about dumpster diving).

Growing up in Spring, Texas until middle school, Angie, an Oklahoma native, returned and attended Sapulpa and Broken Arrow schools. She graduated from Langston University with a degree in criminal justice.

In addition to her work at Schnake, Angie is the Founder and CEO of Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP), a charity she founded after surviving breast cancer in 2005.

Community involvement: Breast Cancer Assistance Program, founder and chairman of the board; Executive Women's International, past president; Tulsa Regional Chamber campaign volunteer; Susan G. Komen Leadership Council

Accolades: Susan G. Komen 2022 Women of Inspiration; 2012 Williams Women of Inspiration, Top 30 nominee; 2010 Tulsa Shock Women of Inspiration, Top 5 nominee; member of Mensa

Passions: grandchildren and family, motorcycle and ATV riding, boating on the lake, family vacations in Mexico, Italy, skeet shooting and football



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### COLLEEN MORRIS

Colleen is a litigator with a strong track record in estate and trust disputes, complex commercial litigation, and real estate matters. With years of hands-on experience, she has successfully represented clients across multiple states, delivering practical solutions and tenacious advocacy. In addition to her litigation work, Colleen brings extensive experience in workers' compensation and insurance defense.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Colleen earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Duquesne University in 2011, graduating Cum Laude. She went on to receive both her Master of Arts and Master of Divinity from Oral Roberts University in 2014, graduating Summa Cum Laude. During her final year, she was honored as the Overall Outstanding Student and served as the graduate department's Student Body President. She later earned her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Beyond the courtroom, Colleen is deeply committed to legal education. She teaches undergraduate students and Master of Legal Studies candidates, sharing her real-world insights and helping shape the next generation of legal professionals.

Colleen is admitted to practice law in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Tennessee. Outside of her professional life, she has been happily married to her husband, Adam, for over a decade. They have two daughters and enjoy traveling, reading, and staying actively involved in their local church.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June



**June 5** - Communications Meeting,  
(Postponed)



**June 11**- SAA Meeting, 3 PM, Virtual



**June 12**- Monthly Chapter Meeting



**June 17** - Programs Meeting, 11:00 AM, El Patron



**June 17**- Membership Meeting, 10:30 AM, Virtual



June 20 - Birthday Lunch, 12:00 PM, Wild Fork

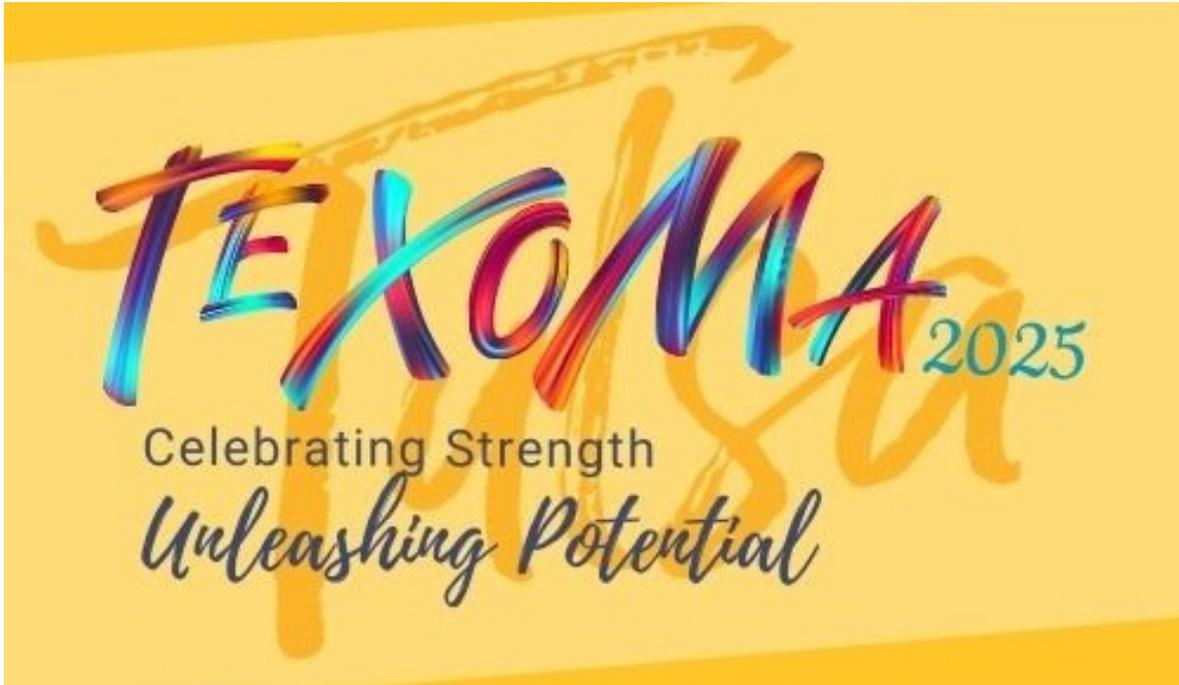


**June 25**- Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 PM, William Building



June 25 - EWI Corporate Webinar - 12:00 PM  
<https://ewiconnect.zoom.us/j/83344094253>

## EVENTS TO ATTEND



EWI of Tulsa is honored to host TEXOMA 2025, Celebrating Strength & Unleashing Potential! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN on [ewiconnect.com](http://ewiconnect.com).

Early bird rate of \$250 through June 1<sup>st</sup>! Please click the links below for more information and to register! See you in July!

[Direct Link to the Registration](#)

[Link to the Group TEXOMA Page](#)

[Link to Hotel Reservation](#)

\*\*The EWI Tulsa Chapter will still hold its monthly meeting in July. There will NOT be an additional \$45 fee for members. EWI Tulsa Chapter will still RSVP and be charged accordingly for our usual monthly chapter meetings.

## EVENTS TO ATTEND

# EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR EWI OF TULSA

08.14.25  
*Save the Date*

## EWI OF TULSA EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

14 AUGUST 2025 / 5:30PM  
TRINITY WOODS - LIFE CENTER  
4134 E 31ST ST. TULSA, OK 74135

DETAILED INVITATION TO FOLLOW

JULY 2025

EWI OF TULSA PRESENTS

**TEXOMA** 2025

Celebrating Strength  
*Unleashing Potential*

**PLEASE DONATE AN ITEM...**

*Your generosity will make this a memorable TEXOMA!!*

*Don't forget some  
of our attendees  
are flying.*

**DOOR  
PRIZES!!**

**50  
WELCOME  
BAG PROMO  
ITEMS!!**

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# EVENTS TO ATTEND

*Afterhours*

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Tulsa Drillers

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SOD  
POODLES

**FRIDAY, JUNE 06, 2025**

**ONEOK SUITE, 7PM**

201 N. ELGIN AVE TULSA, OK 74120 - ONEOK FIELD  
TAMARA CONNER WILL EMAIL YOU A TICKET & PARKING

[RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 30 | RSVP HERE](#)

## EVENTS TO ATTEND

# NOEL DAY LEON

## HALFWAY TO THE HOLIDAYS

A FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR THE 99TH TULSA CHRISTMAS PARADE



You're Invited to a One-of-a-Kind Event — the Official Halfway Mark to Christmas!

Join us on Wednesday, June 25th—aka NOEL Day (LEON spelled backwards)—for an unforgettable evening benefitting the 99th Tulsa Christmas Parade.

Why you don't want to miss this: We're premiering the official Tulsa Christmas Parade song with a LIVE performance inside the legendary Church Studio. This will be the very first time anyone hears it—and you'll be part of the moment that kicks off the holiday season in Tulsa.

Your ticket includes:

- A first-ever live performance of the brand-new Tulsa Christmas Parade anthem, performed by Voth, a Nashville-based country trio with Tulsa roots. The song was written by acclaimed Oklahoma singer-songwriter Audra Mae—great-niece of Judy Garland, known for her haunting rendition of Bob Dylan's Forever Young on Sons of Anarchy, and for writing music for artists like Celine Dion, Miranda Lambert, Flo Rida, The All-American Rejects, and Avicii.
  - An open bar, courtesy of Carson Roberds Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley, plus festive hors d'oeuvres and sweet treats
  - Behind-the-scenes access at The Church Studio, with docents sharing Tulsa Sound history and offering exclusive studio tours
- Space is limited. Reserve your seat or become a sponsor now. All proceeds benefit the 99th year of the Tulsa Christmas Parade.

<https://tulsachristmasparade.org/noel/>

# BIRTHDAYS & FIRM ANNIVERSARIES

## JUNE Birthdays

- 6/1 Connie Gibson, Enovation Controls
- 6/6 Kelli Gernandt, Trust Company of Oklahoma
- 6/15 Lisa Stansill, T.C. Blair & Associates
- 6/17 Jennifer Murphy, Trinity Woods
- 6/18 Allyson Baldwin, CJC Architects
- 6/20 Jody Davis, Accent Moving, Storage & Logistics/Mayflower
- 6/21 Heather Crain, Tulsa Community College
- 6/29 Shelley Cadamy, Cadamy Business Consulting

## JUNE Anniversaries

- World Travel Service, LLC, since 1992
- Susan G. Komen, since 2022
- Tulsa Oilers Entertainment Group, since 2023
- Tulsa Drillers, since 2023
- Afra Company LLC, since 2024
- 1-800 Water Damage of SE Tulsa, since 2024
- Cadamy Business Consulting, since 2024
- SJS Hospitality, since 2024

**\*\*SURPRISE GIVEAWAY! We caught you reading the Connect! THE FIRST PERSON TO EMAIL SUSAN @ [smiller@wpbctulsa.com](mailto:smiller@wpbctulsa.com) will receive a gift card, donated by Susan!**

**Congratulations to last month's winner, Tonya Shanks!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Congratulations, Mark Stephen!



**Read more here:**

**[Arvest Bank Names Mark Stephen as Tulsa Market President](#)**

# INFORMATION



## COMMITTEES

YOU CAN JOIN A COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE, REACH OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBER WHOSE COMMITTEE YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN!

COMMITTEES ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW FELLOW EWI MEMBERS!

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BOARD MEMBERS IS ON THE "CONTACT" PAGE!

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## DOOR PRIZES

DO YOU LOVE WINNING DOOR PRIZES? OF COURSE YOU DO! IF YOU HAVE WON A DOOR PRIZE THIS YEAR, WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER DONATING ONE FOR A FUTURE MEETING!

PAY IT FORWARD!

ALL DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED. PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE STUMPS AT [D.STUMPS@PURVIEW.COM](mailto:D.STUMPS@PURVIEW.COM)



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## MENTORS

If you would like to serve as a mentor to new members, please reach out to Angie Walters to volunteer!

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## MEMBER UPDATES



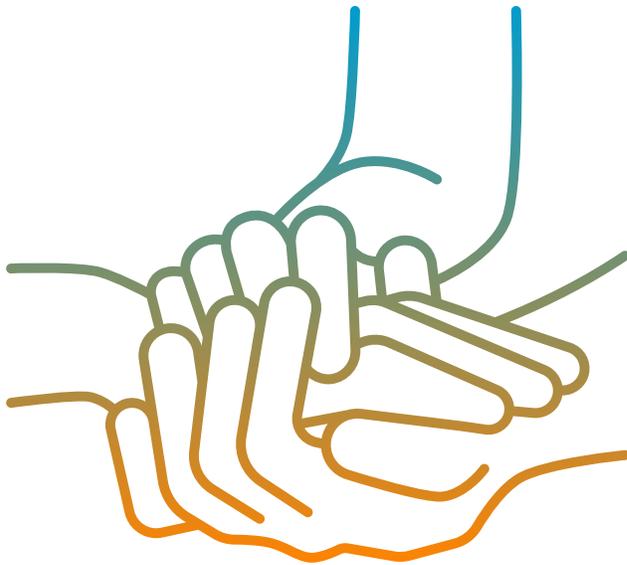
We want to share your news! Email us with updates and news, and include photos for us to include in the Connect!

**Email:**

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## EWI Tulsa Chapter Cares



If you are having any life events that you wish to share with the Chapter, please send them to Sarah Bowen at [sbowen@tulsazoo.org](mailto:sbowen@tulsazoo.org) We want to make sure the Chapter leadership and membership are kept informed of important happenings and are reaching out to support you! It is important to your Board of Directors that we celebrate your personal and professional accomplishments but also offer care and support in the event of surgery, illness or loss.

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## ABOUT US

### OUR MISSION

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (EWI) BRINGS TOGETHER KEY INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVERSE BUSINESSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF: PROMOTING MEMBER FIRMS, ENHANCING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.**

### OUR VISION

**TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN WHILE EMPOWERING THEM TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS THEY INSPIRE OTHERS.**

### OUR VALUES

**INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE | RESPECT | COLLABORATION**

### EWI

**EWI OF TULSA IS A CHAPTER OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL ("EWI"). IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EWI INCLUDING THE MANY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES OR CONNECT WITH MEMBERS IN OTHER CHAPTERS, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THE [EWI CORPORATE WEBSITE](http://WWW.EWITULSA.ORG).**