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FSB selected for OCU Law School design

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma City University has selected Frankfurt Short Bruza to redevelop the former Oklahoma High School into an educational facility for its School of Law.

“Our team will collaborate with university officials to ensure generations of future Oklahoma City University law students experience a first-class educational environment,” said Fred Schmidt, principal at FSB.

Built in 1910, the former high school was purchased by Southwestern Bell in the 1980s and converted to office space.

“Oklahoma High School was originally designed by Solomon Andrew Layton, who also designed the Oklahoma state Capitol,” said Jason Holuby, project manager at FSB. “We want to make the renovations necessary to provide Oklahoma City University with a top-notch law school while preserving the overall design of the current building. The function, layout and technology will change, but the look will stay consistent with the current style.”

Renovation plans include converting office space to classroom space and adding a courtroom, faculty, staff and

administrative offices, a venue for meetings and events and a two-story library with cafe and collaboration rooms.

Oklahoma City University’s School of Law currently occupies 110,000 square feet in four buildings on the university’s campus. Moving the school downtown will increase space to more than 140,000 square feet.

The new location will be within walking distance of a large legal community, including the Oklahoma County Courthouse, the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse and several law firms. *–Staff report*