



State Oversight Academy

Who we are

The Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy at Wayne State University Law School launched the State Oversight Academy (SOA) in March 2023. SOA is the first and only national institution dedicated to promoting effective bipartisan fact-finding and oversight by state legislatures as essential to good governance and democracy.

Faced with the rise in extreme polarization nurtured by disinformation, state lawmakers have a particular opportunity and duty to use their institutional power to help the American people build factual consensus and dialogue across the political divide. SOA serves as a resource hub for best practices, research, scholarship, and news about developments and leaders in the oversight field from across the country.

What we can do for you

- Interactive workshops led by bipartisan investigators, with decades of legislative experience
- Testimony on the importance of legislative oversight and how to achieve bipartisan consensus

Workshop formats

- Virtual or in-person
- One-hour introduction sessions
- Half-day sessions
- Full-day or two-day comprehensive boot camp sessions
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit available

Topics we can cover

- Planning an oversight agenda
- Involving parties of diverse backgrounds
- Asking and reviewing documents
- Identifying and interviewing witnesses
- Drafting reports
- Organizing a hearing
- Working with the media



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