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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, May 16th at noon in the upstairs meeting room at Free State Brewery. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Reinhold at 842-3222 or John Bodle at 843-0187.

The Solo Firm Group meets the third Friday of every other month.

Legal Essay Contest

The first annual Legal Essay Contest for high school seniors in the County that the Law Library and the Douglas County Bar Association are co-sponsoring continues until April 7th, the deadline for submission.

As reported in last month's E-Mail Newsletter, the topic for the 2008 contest is "The Importance of an Independent Judiciary". Scholarships will be awarded for the top three essays as determined by a panel of judged.

The 1st place essay will receive a \$1,100.00 scholarship; the 2nd place essay an \$850.00 scholarship, and the 3rd place essay a \$500.00 scholarship.

Names of the winners will be announced no later than April 23rd and will be published in the May E-Mail Newsletter. The winners will be invited to attend the Law Day luncheon on May 1st.

For the complete set of rules and submission instructions, go to the Legal Essay Contest

Rules and Submission Instructions page on the Law Library's website located at <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/essaycontest.html>. Questions on the contest should be directed to Judge Michael J. Malone at (785) 832-5124 or division4@douglas-county.com, or to the Law Library.

New Juvenile Periodical in Library

The Law Library has begun subscribing to *Juvenile Justice Update*, a periodical published by the Civic Research Institute. The most current issue will be on the new periodicals rack at the rear of the alcove. Older issues will be in ring binders shelved on the new Juvenile materials shelf that was reported on in last month's E-Mail Newsletter.

Feedback Needed on Potential Acquisition

The Law Librarian is requesting your assistance in determining whether the Library should subscribe to the *Search and Seizure Bulletin*, published monthly by Thomson/West. A sample issue is available in the Library for you to look at and rate. After reviewing the sample, please inform the Law Librarian of your opinion. If sufficient interest is shown, the Library will subscribe to the periodical.

KU Law Library Survey

The Douglas County Law Library is assisting the Wheat Law Library at the University of Kansas with a survey of Douglas County attorneys that they are conducting. The survey specifically addresses the West Digest system and its impact on the legal profession. Copies of the survey are available in the Douglas County Law Library.

Interesting Legal Tidbit

While interfiling the 2007 supplement pages in the Criminal PIK, the Editor came

across an interesting fact. Did you know that in Kansas it is a class C misdemeanor offense to sell a beverage can with a detachable opening tab?

Reels of Justice Screening Next Month

Sergeant Rutledge, a powerful film about justice and racial prejudice in the United States Cavalry, will be screened next month as part of the Law Library's Reels of Justice Film Series.

The film stars Woody Strode, a fine actor who was usually relegated to supporting roles because of his race. Strode plays the title character, a Buffalo Soldier charged with rape and the murder of his commanding officer and the officer's daughter.

Directed by John Huston, the film was released in 1960 and is set in 1880's Arizona Territory. The story is told through a series of flashbacks during the Sergeant's court-marshal proceedings.

The screening will begin at 6:00 PM, Friday, May 16th in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. All screenings in the film series are free and open to the public.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The April exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are paintings by Kelsey Yankey.

The exhibits will run through the end of April. All of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Ms. Yankey is available in the Library.

The May 2008 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions are available for scheduling.

More information on the exhibits will be in the May E-Mail Newsletter.

For more information on past, current, and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Gallery, please consult the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website.

If you would like to exhibit your art in our gallery, or know of local artists who would like to show their original art here, contact Bill Pendleton, the Library's Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator at 843-3536 ext. 19 or billpen@pendletonandsutton.com, or the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at info@douglascolawlibrary.org.

New Acquisitions

Newly acquired material added to the Law Library's holdings:

AALL Spectrum. v. 12:5 (Mar. 2008).

Bradley Parenting Time Calculator, 2008.

Breaking Down Barriers: A Legal Guide to Title IX.

A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage, 2nd ed., by Bryan A. Garner.

Juvenile Justice Update. v. 14:1 (Feb./Mar. 2008).

Kansas Child Support Calculator, 2008.

Pattern Instructions for Kansas - Criminal, 3d, 2007 Supplement.

Seeking Justice for Animals Through the Power of the Law.

Did You Know?

Every month, a bit of Law Library trivia is posted in the Law Library and on the Law Library's website. The previous month's "Did You Know" tidbit is then published here in the Newsletter. The hope is for this to improve communication between the Law Library and its users.

March's entry was:

- Membership in a bar association is not required to obtain a Law Library key. All registered attorneys who have paid their annual fee may be issued a key.

This Month In Legal History

Each month, an event from the history of law and jurisprudence of Douglas County that occurred during that month will be included in the Newsletter. Entries will also be posted on the Law Library's website for the month. Submissions from readers are welcome and encouraged.

April 9, 1862 - The Drunken Bowler Shooting.

As reported in the *Kansas State Journal*, a soldier who was serving in the 7th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry Regiment under Colonel Charles Jennison was bowling while drunk. Frustrated that he was unable to hit any of the pins, the drunken soldier began firing his gun at them. A Captain Walker, presumably Captain Samuel Walker, intervened. The soldier then attempted to shoot the Captain, but had no better aim with his gun than he had had with the bowling ball and missed him. He fired his gun again, but, his aim not having improved, hit a fellow soldier instead. Captain Walker then shot the drunken soldier in the hip. The wound suffered by the innocent soldier was deemed to be painful but not to be serious. The fate of the

drunken soldier and the seriousness of his wound were not reported.

From: Incidents of Reports of Violent Crimes from the Lawrence Area from 1861 to 1865, by Sarah Martin. Unpublished manuscript, 2002.

Law Library Volunteer Opportunities

The Library is looking for individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

E-Mail Newsletter Editor.

Film Series Commentators

Patron Education and Training Assistant.

Publicity and Marketing Assistant.

Recycling Assistant

Reference Assistant.

Volunteer Coordinator.

Work Station Maintenance Assistant.

The Library also has opportunities for volunteers to create positions around their own interests and skills.

For more information and/or for position descriptions, contact the Library or visit the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website.

The Law Library Volunteer Program provides a capable and dependable voluntary work force to assist with the day-to-day operations of the Law Library and its special projects. This work force supplements the paid Library staff and allows the Library to provide the best possible service to local judges, attorneys, and the public.

The Volunteer Program is instrumental in linking a valuable community resource - the

citizens - with a valuable community institution - the Douglas County Law Library - for the benefit, growth, and enrichment of both.

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for one of them, or if you would like more information on our program and/or the positions we have open, please contact the Library or visit the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website.

Feedback

This Newsletter is intended to be useful to its readers. As in any enterprise, feedback on how the Newsletter is fulfilling this goal is crucial to our achieving it. If our articles are helpful, let us know. If they are not, let us know. If you have suggestions on how to improve the Newsletter, please let us know. Thank you.

Submitting Articles for Newsletter

The Editor encourages readers to submit articles for publication and/or make suggestions on material to be included in future issues of the Newsletter.

To Subscribe

Contact the Law Library by mail, e-mail, or telephone and request a free subscription to the Newsletter. It will be sent to you as a PDF attachment to an e-mail. The Library's mailing address is: Douglas County Law Library, Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11th Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: info@douglascolawlibrary.org. The Law Library's telephone number is: 785-838-2477.

Classified Ads

Free classified ads may be placed in the Newsletter by contacting the Law Library. The Editor reserves

the right to refuse anything deemed inappropriate and to add restrictions as the need arises.

No Ads this Month.

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