

# The Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter



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### Meeting and Event Announcements

The Defense Bar meets the second Friday of the month. This month the meeting is on the 8th.

The April 2016 Douglas County Bar Association Brown Bag CLE program will be on Thursday, April 21st, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center. The topic and presenter were not available at the time of the newsletter's publication.

Check the [DCBA website](#) for more information on the program, on the CLE credits available, and for handout material.

### Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The April/May 2016 Law Library and Division III art gallery exhibitions are paintings by Joanna Ward. The exhibitions will run through the end of May 2016.

The June/July 2016 exhibition slots in the Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division III Art Gallery are scheduled to be acrylics by Frank Pondrom. More information will be in the June 2016 E-Mail Newsletter.

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

If you would like to exhibit your art in our galleries, or know of local artists who would like to show their original art here, contact the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

## **New Acquisitions**

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

ABA Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 35:3 (Mar. 2016).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v. 303:1/v. 52:1 (Jan. 2016).

The Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook: a Legal Guide to the Custody and Adoption of Native American Children, Second Edition, by B.J. Jones, Mark Tilden, and Kelly Gaines-Stoner.

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 22:1 (Feb./Mar. 2016).

Kansas Judicial Council probate forms, 3d., 2015 Supplements.

Kansas Reports, v. 293.

Kansas Statutes Annotated, 2015 Supplements.

Kansas Workers Compensation, Fifth ed., 2015.

Public Company Mergers: Shareholder Litigation in Kansas, by Kelly Stohs.

## **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:

The Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery's twelfth anniversary will be on April 30, 2016.

## **This Month In Legal History**

April 5, 1898 - An attempt to cause a train wreck near Eudora, Kansas, is foiled.

In the evening of April 5, 1898, a man was walking along the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad tracks east of Eudora, Kansas. When he was about a quarter mile from town, he found several rails and ties laid across the tracks. They had been placed so that any train that ran into them would derail and wreck. The obstructions were too heavy for the man to remove alone, so he hurried into town and notified the Santa Fe agent there, who quickly sent out a warning to stations up and down the line to stop all trains. An eastbound passenger train, No. 116, was due there around 9:30 p.m. and a westbound express train, No. 7, was due around 10:30 p.m. The agent at the Lawrence station, approximately seven miles west of Eudora, held No. 116 until the rails and ties could be removed from the tracks. After he received notice that the obstructions had been removed and the line was again safe and open, No. 116 was allowed to proceed and so normal rail service was resumed. The last train to pass prior to the discovery of the obstructions had been a westbound express at around 5:45 p.m. The rails and ties would have had to have been emplaced after that, and so could not have been in place very long when they were discovered. Train wrecks, which frequently resulted in loss of life, were all too common, so deliberately wrecking a train, especially a passenger train, was a serious crime. Railroads were extremely sensitive to crimes committed against them. They employed special detectives to investigate crimes committed on railroad property and bring

the perpetrators to trial. The incident east of Eudora was no exception. Detectives began an intensive search and were described as being "at work everywhere to find the culprits..." The AT&SF soon offered a reward, but there is no evidence that the motive for the attempted wreck was ever determined or that those responsible for the deed were ever identified or brought to justice.

From: Lawrence Daily Journal, v. 30, no. 82 (April 6, 1898), p. 4; and, Lawrence Daily Journal, v. 30, no. 87 (April 12, 1898), p. 2.

Each month, an event from "This Month In Legal History," the history of law and jurisprudence of Douglas County that occurred during that month, is included in the Newsletter. The current entry is also posted for the month on the Law Library's website. Entries from past months are [archived](#) on the website. Submissions from readers are welcome and encouraged.

### **Law Library Volunteer Opportunities**

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

The Volunteer Program is instrumental in linking a valuable community resource - the citizens - with a valuable community institution - the Michael J. Malone 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, or comments and suggestions on the Law Library itself, please let us know. For your convenience, there is a link to a [feedback form](#) available on most pages of the Law Library's website. 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**

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### **Back Issues**

Back issues of the Newsletter are [archived](#) on the Library's website.

### **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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