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Meeting and Event Announcements

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

New Edition of PIK-Civil Published

A new edition of the Pattern Instructions Kansas-Civil, the PIK-Civil 4th, has been published. It was recently added to the Law Library's holdings and is housed on the second shelf in the Kansas Practice area in the shelving unit under the windows.

Presentation on Judge Louis Carpenter Scheduled for August 14th

As part of the 13th Annual Civil War on the Western Frontier, the Editor will present "Judge Louis Carpenter: a Victim of Hate" on Thursday, August 14th. Louis Carpenter was a young lawyer whose promising life and career were cut short by a bullet fired by one of the men who followed William Clarke Quantrill in his raid on Lawrence, August 21, 1863.

Few have heard of Carpenter, and those that have heard of him know only of his tragic death. The Editor will present material from research he has done that will better illuminate the life and accomplishments of this talented and enigmatic man.

The program will begin at 7:00 PM in the Watkins Community Museum of History,

1047 Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence, Kansas. It is free and open to the public.

***Kramer vs. Kramer* to be Screened
on August 15th**



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 15, 2008, with a screening of *Kramer vs. Kramer*.

The film stars Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep. When his wife (Streep) leaves him, a man (Hoffman) who has always let his career come before his family, is faced with the tasks of housekeeping and taking care of himself and his young son. He eventually learns how to manage these new responsibilities and becomes a real father. All his gains are threatened when his wife resurfaces and takes him to court to fight over who will get custody of their son.

The film was nominated for nine Academy Awards in 1979 and won five, including Best Picture, Best Actor for Hoffman and Best Actress for Streep.

The program will include an appearance by local attorney Martin L. Miller, who will give commentary on the film and on how the film portrays the justice system.

The screening will begin at 6:00 PM, Friday, August 15th in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. All screenings in the film series are free and open to the public.

The next film in the "Reels of Justice Film Series" will be *The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell*, scheduled for screening on November 21, 2008.

**Information from Judge Hugh Means
Inn of Court**

For all attorneys who practice or reside in Douglas County:

The Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court is accepting members for the 2007-2008 membership year. The Inn will host six dinner meetings at the Lawrence Country Club, starting in September and ending in April, that include dinner, conversation, and Continuing Legal Education credit. The Inn will once again be committed to providing you with engaging conversation and informative programs, as we strive to meet the mission of the American Inns of Court: to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility and legal skills.

There will be no increase in annual dues for the coming year, and a "rookie"* membership for those who have not participated in Inns in the past:

Associates (0-3 years of experience) - \$185
Barristers (4-15 years of experience) - \$205
Masters (judges, law professors, lawyers with over 15 years of experience) - \$235
*Rookie (first time members) - \$100

For more information, send an email to lawsolutions@sunflower.com or mail your membership renewal/rookie dues to:

Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court
c/o Joan Hawkins
3300 Mesa Way, Suite C
Lawrence, KS 66049

I look forward to seeing you this fall,

Jonathan Becker
Judge Hugh Means 2007-2008 President.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The August exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are watercolors by Julie Hammer.

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

The September 2008 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be paintings by Wendy Erichsen. More information on the exhibits will be in the September 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. 12:9 (July 2008).

Adam's Rib, DVD.

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v. 286:1/39:2 (May 2008).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 27:5 (July 2008).

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 14:3 (Jun./Jul. 2008).

Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, Federal, 2008 Supplement.

Kansas Family Law, v. 1, 2008 Supplement.

Kansas Family Law, v. 2, 2008 Supplement.

Law Library Journal, v. 100:2 (Spring 2008).

Pattern Instructions Kansas, Civil, 4th.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 45:7 (July 2008).

Search and Seizure Checklists, 2008 ed.

Session Laws of Kansas, 2008: v. 1 and v. 2.

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.

July's entry was:

- Law Library users can now print from the Library's Amicus/FullCourt terminal using a printer newly installed for that purpose.

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 in-

cluded in the Newsletter. Entries will also be posted on the Law Library's website for the month. Submissions from readers are welcome and encouraged.

August 1865 - Man is accused of being one of Quantrill's Raiders.

The August 22, 1865, edition of the *Kansas Daily Tribune*, reported that a Joseph Longacre had been taken into custody in Lawrence, Kansas. He had been recognized as being one of the men who had followed William Clarke Quantrill in his deadly raid on Lawrence on August 21, 1863, in which over 150 unarmed men and boys had been killed and most of the town burned to the ground. Longacre admitted to knowing Bushwhackers, guerrillas from Missouri who raided into Kansas during the Civil War, but denied that he had participated in the raid. The paper reported that his neighbors in Kingsville, Missouri, insisted that he was, in fact, a raider. The next day's edition of the paper reported that Longacre had been captured by an unnamed black man. Further reports of Longacre's fate in Lawrence have not been found, but, considering the hatred felt in town for Quantrill and his men, he was in a very dangerous situation indeed. Apparently, he somehow must have survived his predicament and made it home, as records show that a Joseph Decatur Longacre, born in Roane County, Tennessee, on February 26, 1820, died in Johnson County, Missouri, on January 6, 1902, and was buried in Bluff Springs Cemetery in Kingsville, Missouri. One wonders how well he got along with his Kingsville "neighbors" after he got back home.

From: Incidents of Reports of Violent Crimes from the Lawrence Area from 1861 to 1865, by Sarah Martin. Unpublished manuscript, 2002; and, the Joseph Decatur Longacre page on the Find a Grave website - <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSob=c&GSvcid=32055&GRid=5756159&>.

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 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

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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.

Free public performance.

Come hear John Brown tell of his life and his war against slavery in "An Afternoon with John Brown," a public performance on Sunday, August 17, 2008, beginning at 3:00 PM in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont Street, Lawrence, Kansas. Kerry Altenbernd will portray the famous abolitionist in this free event, part of the 13th Annual Civil War on the Western Frontier activities.

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