

# Douglas County Law Library

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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 14th.

### Scanning Available in Library

Scanning is now available through the Law Library's printer/copier. Scanned documents

are sent as PDFs to a file on the Library's network. PDFs of scanned documents can be accessed on any of the Library's user workstations except for Workstation 6, which is a dedicated terminal for Amicus and FullCourt.

The PDFs can be downloaded from the workstations onto users' flash drives or e-mailed utilizing users' web-based e-mail accounts.

In addition, the documents can be converted to rich text PDFs utilizing Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro that is on Workstation 2. The text can then be copied and pasted into word processor documents, as well as downloaded and e-mailed.

Instruction on how to operate the scanning function on the printer/copier can be found in the document titled *Instructions for Using the Copier, Releasing Print Jobs, and Scanning* that is located on the table to the left of the machine. Instructions on viewing and retrieving PDFs can be found in the document titled *Instructions for Printing and Scanning*, copies of which are available next to the three desktop workstations in the Library.

## **New KBA Real Estate Manual**

The Kansas Bar Association has published a new edition of the *Kansas Real Estate Practice & Procedure* handbook. The new Fifth edition replaces the Fourth edition that was published in 1999. It is shelved in the Library along with the other KBA handbooks in the bookcase under the windows.

## **Generational Information Differences**

There has been much work done recently on studying the information seeking behavior of the different generations in America today. The studies show differences in how the various generations seek information and what forms they prefer that information to take.

Most sources cite four separate generations. The exact range of each generation identified by different authors can vary by a few years, but the research seems to show true differences between them. A typical breakdown of the generations is: Traditionalists (born 1927–45), Baby Boomers (1946–64), Generation X, (1965–80), and Generation Y, or Millennials (1981–2000).

One major difference is how the generations interact with and utilize technology. The differences between the technologies that Baby Boomers and Generation Xers grew up with are significant, while the differences between the Traditionalists and Generation Yers are immense. Given this, it is not surprising that there would also be major differences in how the various generations seek information and the formats in which they want it.

A Baby Boomer attorney might complain that her Generation Y client is hard to get in touch with and pays no attention to her

advice. Her client might complain that his attorney avoids voicemail and texting, and that the advice his attorney is giving him does not agree with the information he has picked up from various blogs or social media websites. This miscommunication might not happen, or be so problematic, if the two recognized that their situation resulted from their being in two different generations, and that they were looking at the issues from different perspectives and attempting to solve them in different and possibly conflicting ways.

The Association of College & Research Libraries website has a number of resources where the differences between the generations can be explored and understood, which could be of assistance in both one's personal and professional life. The website link is: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/publications/crlnews/2009/jul/agerelate.cfm>.

Of particular help, at least to a Baby Boomer like the Editor of this Newsletter, is the third resource listing, *Information Seeking Behavior and the Generations*, which includes a link to a chart of differences between the generations.

Many of these generational differences may affect how members of the legal community interact with clients, jurors, and each other. It might be advantageous for members of the legal community to be aware of these differences and adapt their professional interactions to them.

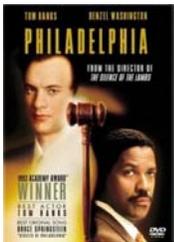
## **Attorneys and Social Media**

Do you Facebook or Twitter? Are you on LinkedIn, Justia, or Awo? When someone mentions social media, do you try to change the subject? If you do not know about social media, perhaps you should take the time to investigate.

According to Nicole L. Black in her article titled *Five Things Lawyers Should Know About Social Media*, "Some lawyers discount the potential of 'social media' due to the incorrect assumption that it's got nothing to do with business and is all about socializing. This is a serious mistake." She goes on to write, "All online interactions, whether they are with other lawyers, old friends, or people you've just met and with whom you share a similar interest have the potential to benefit your career."

If you are interested, and would like to learn more about social media and how you could benefit from using them, you can access and read Ms. Black's article on-line at: <http://www.llrx.com/features/lawyersandsocialmedia.htm>.

### ***Philadelphia* to be Screened on August 28th**



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2009, with a screening of [\*Philadelphia\*](#).

The film stars Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. When a gay lawyer with AIDS (Hanks) is fired by a conservative law firm because of his condition, he hires a homophobic small time lawyer (Washington) who is the only advocate willing to file a wrongful dismissal suit.

The film was nominated for five Academy Awards in 1994 and won two, Best Actor in a Leading Role for Hanks, and Best Music, Original Song, for Bruce Springsteen, for the song [\*Streets of Philadelphia\*](#).

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 28th 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 [\*Anatomy of a Murder\*](#), scheduled for screening on November 20, 2009.

### **Current Art Gallery Exhibition**

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

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

The September 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be photography by Kay Trieb. More information on the exhibit 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](mailto:billpen@pendletonandsutton.com), or 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:

AALL Spectrum, v.13:9 (July 2009).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.288:2/v.41:2 (May 2009).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 28:5 (Jul. 2009).

Drunk Driving Defense, Sixth Edition, 2009 Cumulative Supplement.

Drunk Driving Defense Forms CD, Sixth Edition, 2009 Supplement.

Internet guide for the legal researcher newsletter, v. 4:4 (Jul./Aug. 2009).

Kansas Real Estate Practice & Procedure, Fifth ed., 2009, Louis A. Heaven, Jr., and Mark A. Anderson, ed.

Kansas Annual Survey, v. 20 (2009).

Kansas Reports, v. 282.

Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual, 12th ed., 2008.

Practitioner's Guide to Kansas Family Law, 2008 Supplement.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 46:7 (July 2009).

West's Kansas Statutes Annotated: Using the Classification and Numbering System of the Kansas Statutes as amended, 2008 Pocket Parts.

## **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:

- Suggestions for CLE material to be purchased and added to the Law Library's holdings are welcome and encouraged.

## **This Month In Legal History**

August 7, 1865 - Major Thompson protects "the damn Abolition town" from the Fourteenth Kansas.

At about nine o'clock in the morning of Monday, August 7, 1865, two troopers from the Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry were walking along a sidewalk on Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence, Kansas. The cavalry unit was camped north of Lawrence on the far side of the Kansas River, and, since the Civil War was over and a large military force was no longer needed, was in the process of mustering out the troops and disbanding the unit. As a result, one of the troopers walking down the street that day was in civilian clothes while the other was still wearing his uniform. As the two were passing Haseltine's bakery, they encountered a black man. The trooper in civilian clothes drew his revolver from its holster and swung it at the black man, trying to hit him with it. He missed, but in doing so, he nearly hit a woman who was passing by. She screamed and ran into the bakery. The attacker's companion tried to take the pistol away from him and a struggle ensued between the two. Edward Monroe, an officer of the city police, came up and tried to separate the

men. As he was trying to persuade them to stop, another trooper saw the scuffle, ran across the street, and joined in the action against Monroe. In no time, twenty or thirty troopers had assembled. One of them drew his pistol, but Monroe caught it with one hand and defended himself with the other. Mr. Prentice, deputy city marshal, arrived, and, as the *Kansas Daily Tribune* reported, "immediately went in to restore peace, which he did in so prompt and efficacious a manner that the row was over in a very short time." Three or four of the troopers "received pretty hard knocks, which caused a considerable amount of bloodshed." The Provost Guard, a military police detachment, came in and arrested several of the men involved in the disturbance. The rest of the troopers left the scene, "uttering loud maledictions and swearing vengeance against Lawrence - 'the damned Abolition town'." Before the Civil War, Lawrence had been the center of the movement to make Kansas a Free State, and its reputation was as an abolitionist stronghold and supporter of the rights of black men and women. A town where you could not just hit a black man with your pistol any time you felt like it. The angry troopers went back to their camp north of the river, crossing over the Kansas River bridge on their way. Rumors quickly spread that they intended to come back and attack the city. Major Thompson, commander of the military post in Lawrence who, "sick or well is always ready for emergencies," quickly organized a defense. Although at the time he was so ill that he could not stand without assistance, he mounted his horse and set up a mounted patrol, an infantry guard, and a piece of artillery at the head of the bridge to ward off any attack. No attack materialized. In commenting on the incident, the newspaper noted that the preliminary mustering out of the Fourteenth Kansas had left their officers without full authority over their men. The mustering officer had made a speech,

informing the men that they were no longer soldiers and that their officers could not exercise control over them. "A view," noted the newspaper, "in which we do *not* concur, but which, being accepted as a fact by officers and men, has been the probable cause of trouble. Many of the men of that regiment are desiring of preserving order and assisting their officer, but in the absence of positive authority are unable to do so."

From: *Kansas Daily Tribune*, v. 2:208 (August 8, 1865), p. 3.

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 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library’s e-mail address is: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto: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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