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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, December 15th at noon in the upstairs meeting room at Free State Brewery. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Reinhold at 842-3222 or Jamie Harwood at 842-1581. The Solo Firm Group meets the third Friday of every month.

Library Registration Fee for 2007 is Due

The 2007 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is now due. Please be sure to have the \$10.00 fee payment in to the Court Clerk's Office by the January 15, 2007, deadline to avoid a suspension of filing privileges.

On-Line Access to Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Opinions

Opinions of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals are available on-line through the Kansas Judicial Branch website. To access the opinions, either click on the "Published Opinions" link on the KJB website at <http://www.kscourts.org> or go directly to the opinions' search page at <http://www.kscourts.org/kscases>.

Published opinions can be searched by keyword, case name, docket number, and the date the opinion is released. They are available in full text on-line from October 25, 1996, to the most currently released opinion.

Lists of unpublished opinions from May 1, 1998, to the present can also be accessed on the KJB website by searching the date the opinion was released.

Although unpublished opinions are not available in full-text on-line, they are available in print from the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library. Unpublished opinions can be obtained from the Law Library by contacting their library staff. On request, they will fax a full-text copy of any unpublished opinion for \$0.50 per page, or mail a copy for \$0.15 per page plus postage. The requestor will be billed for the cost. Contact the Supreme Court Law Library at lawlibrary@kscourts.org, 785-296-3257, or fax them at 785-296-1863 for more information or to place an order.

New opinions are added to the KJB website every Friday morning and are usually available for searching by 10:30 AM.

In addition to the aforementioned, there are two other useful links on the opinion's search page. One allows you to access brief summaries for selected Supreme Court cases prepared by the Office of Judicial Administration. The other provides access to the status of specific cases through the Kansas Appellate Courts Case Inquiry System.

New Treatise on Automobile Insurance Law Published

A new treatise on automobile insurance law titled *Kansas Automobile Insurance Law* has been published by the author, Randall E. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher is a sole practitioner in Newton, Kansas. His practice centers on trial and appellate work and other litigation. He has represented consumers in high-profile cases such as the General Motors side-saddle tank pickup litigation. Mr. Fisher was a partner in the law firm of Michaud, Hutton, Fisher & Anderson and is also a former Sedgwick County district court judge. Prior to taking the bench, he was a director in the firm of McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A. He is a 1980 graduate of Washburn University School of Law and a former law clerk to the Kansas Supreme Court.

A copy of the treatise has been purchased and is now available for use as part of the Library's holdings.

Youth Services Policy Manual Added

The *Douglas County Youth Services Policy Manual* in electronic format has recently been added to Workstation 2 in the Law Library.



To access the manual, go the desktop of Workstation 2 and click on this icon labeled "DCYS Policy Manual." You can then choose the chapter or chapters in which you are interested. They will open as WordPerfect documents.

Another Electronic KBA Handbook Added

Electronic access to the *Kansas Construction Law Handbook, 2d* has been added to the electronic editions of the *Kansas Criminal Law Handbook, 4th* and the *Kansas Title Standards Handbook, 7th* that were featured in last month's Newsletter.

To improve clarity and provide for access to other KBA titles, their location on Workstation 2 has been moved. To access the



titles, look for this new icon labeled "KBA Handbooks" on the Workstation 2 desktop. When the icon is clicked, a file will open that will allow you to select from several options, one of these is access to the aforementioned titles.



To access any of the three handbooks, open the file named "Other KBA Handbooks" that displays this icon. When the file is opened, a window will appear that will require you to select "Proceed" to continue. After that has been done, a title selection window appears. Pick the title you want to open from the pull-down menu next to the work "Library" at the top of the window. Click "Help" if necessary.

Other KBA Publications Added

Electronic access to KBA's *Limited Liability Companies* and *Long Term Care Handbook* has also been added through the Workstation 2 desktop in the Library.



In addition to the titles mentioned in the preceding article, these two newly added titles are accessible from the desktop by clicking on this new icon labeled "KBA Handbooks." When it is clicked, a file will open displaying a selection of available titles that can be accessed.

Research Resources Page Added to Website

A new Research Resources page has been added to the Law Library's website. The page will contain research resources of the Douglas County Law Library available in the Library and accessible online through the Library's website.

Change in *Kansas Trial Handbook*

The format of the *Kansas Trial Handbook* changed with the publication of the new Second Edition by Thomson/West last month. The title is now published as the new volume 7 in West's *Kansas Law and Practice* series. Instead of being a stand alone dark blue volume, it is now shelved with the other numbers in the series and is bound in red.

Indices for Criminal and Juvenile Law Resources Available

Michael Daniels, Library volunteer and 3L at the KU Law School, has compiled the *Index of Criminal Law Resources at the Douglas County Law Library* and the *Index of Juvenile Law Resources at the Douglas County Law Library* for the benefit of Library users. Printed copies of the indices are available in the Law Library and in PDF format on the new Research Resources page on the Law Library's website.

Library "Scout"-ing Help for February Film Series Screening

The Library is looking for an attorney who has a special affection for *To Kill a Mockingbird* to give commentary on the film at the screening of the third entry in the Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series," scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2007.

If you have thoughts on the film you would like to pass along to others, or have always wanted to share the limelight with Gregory Peck, please consider helping us out.

In addition, we are always looking for interested attorneys to help out with films in the series. If you can volunteer to do just one or two favorite films, or help out long-term with the ongoing series, please contact the Law Library.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The December exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are photography by Kay Trieb.

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

The January 2007 Law Library exhibition will feature oils by Pam Rees. Division IV has scheduled a special exhibit for the month featuring artwork from Judicial and Law Enforcement Center staff. More information on the exhibits will be in the January 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:

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals. v.282:1/36:1 (Sept. 2006).

Kansas Automobile Insurance Law, 2006 ed., by Randall E. Fisher.

Kansas Legal Directory, 2006/2007.

Kansas Reports, v.278.

Kansas Trial Handbook, 2nd ed., by William Sampson and Bill Hayes.

Pretrial Motions in Criminal Prosecutions, 3d., 2006/2007 Supplement.

Did You Know?

Every other week, 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" tidbits are then published here in the Newsletter. The hope is for this to improve communication between the Law Library and its users.

November's entries were:

- Requests for the Law Library to purchase material can be made to the law librarian or to the Law Library User Committee whose current chair is Stephanie Haggard.
- The 2007 Law Library Registration Fee of \$10.00 is due in the Clerk of the District Court's Office by January 15, 2007.

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.

This month's entry:

December 14, 1829 - Louis Carpenter, future Douglas County Probate Judge, is born.

Louis Carpenter was born December 14, 1829, probably in New York State. He came to Kansas sometime in the 1850's and by early 1859 was serving as Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court of Kansas Territory, 2nd Judicial District for Douglas County. He was listed as an attorney in the Lawrence, Kansas, city directory of 1860. Carpenter served as probate judge in Douglas County from early 1861 to early 1863, during which time he ran unsuccessfully for Kansas Attorney General in the 1862 election. After leaving the bench, he served as Reporter for the Kansas Supreme Court, and was compiling what was intended to become the first volume of the Report of the Kansas Supreme Court. Judge Carpenter and Mary, his wife of less than a year, were at home in their newly finished house in Lawrence on August 21, 1863, when he was attacked and murdered by several members of Quantrill's Raiders. His body was eventually interred in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence.

See http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/Louis_Carpenter.html on the Law Library's website for a more detailed biography.

Lost and Found

Someone has left a personal copy of the *Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, State, 2006* in the Library. If this is your book, please contact the Library to make arrangements for retrieving it.

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.

Workstation 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.

There are no classified ads this month.

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