

# 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 12th.

### Law Library Now on Facebook

The Law Library has recently added an informational page on Facebook, the on-line social networking site. Check out the Library's page sometime. You do not have to be signed up with Facebook to view it. If you are a user of Facebook, please consider becoming a Fan of the Library. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lawrence-KS/Douglas-County-Law-Library/95978865563>.

### New Edition of KBA Probate Handbook Published

The Kansas Bar Association has published a new 7th edition of their Probate Handbook under the new title *Probate & Trust Administration After Death*. The Library has added the new edition to its collection. It is shelved in the KBA Handbook section in the bookcase under the windows.

## **New Edition of KBA Long-Term Care Handbook Published**

In addition to the new Probate Handbook, the Kansas Bar Association has published a new 2nd edition of their *Kansas Long-Term Care Handbook*. The Library has added the new edition to its collection. It is shelved in the KBA Handbook section in the bookcase under the windows.

## **Evaluate *West's Kansas Statutes Annotated***

The Law Library has ordered the new multivolume set of *West's Kansas Statutes Annotated* on approval to determine if the Library should purchase it. The volumes will be available for Library users to consult and evaluate.

The volumes should be available for evaluation late in the first week or early in the second week of December. Call the Library or check the Library's website to find out when they are ready.

This would be a major addition to the Library's resources, so any feedback we can get from our users will be most helpful in our decision on whether to purchase. Please take a few minutes and look over the volumes.

## **Spotlight on Library Resources**

The resource in the spotlight this month is *Wex*, a legal research wiki\* produced by the Legal Information Institute at the Cornell Law School.

As described on the *Wex* website, it is, "... a collaboratively-created, public-access law dictionary and encyclopedia ... intended for a broad audience of people we refer to as 'law novices' -- which at one time or another describes practically everyone, even law

students and lawyers entering new areas of law."

It differs from most wikis in that, "We limit access to the *Wex* authoring apparatus as a way of ensuring that the quality of material here remains high, and free of vandalism of various kinds."



*Wex* is accessible through this icon on the desktop of each of the five Internet connected user workstations in the Law Library. In addition, it is available to anyone with an Internet connection.

Spotlight on Library Resources is designed to help Law Library users become more aware of resources in the Library with which they may be unfamiliar, and so be better able to benefit by using them.

\*A wiki is a page or collection of Web pages designed to enable anyone who accesses it to contribute or modify content, using a simplified markup language. Wikis are often used to create collaborative websites and to power community websites. (From the definition for wiki on [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page), the Wikipedia website).

## **2009 Law Library Fees Due Next Month**

The 2009 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is due on January 15th. If the \$10.00 annual fee is not received in the Court Clerk's Office by that date, the attorney will be barred from filing pleading or other papers with the Clerk, as per K.S.A. 20-3126.

In addition to being barred from filing material with the Clerk, attorneys who do not pay their 2009 fee will not be eligible to run for one of the attorney positions on the Law Library Board or to vote in the election to fill those positions that is scheduled for next year.

## **Law Library Board of Trustees Election**

There will be an election next year to fill the five attorney member positions on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees, the two-year terms of the incumbents will expire on May 1, 2009.

Self-nominations will be taken in February and the election will be held in April. More information on the nominating process and the election will be in future Newsletters.

## **Current Art Gallery Exhibitions**

The December exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are watercolors by Mary Mitchell.

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. Mitchell is available in the Library and Division IV.

The January 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be photography by Thomas Ingles. 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](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:

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 27:8 and v27:9 (Oct. and Nov. 2008).

Internet guide for the legal researcher newsletter, v. 3:6 (Nov./Dec. 2008).

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 14:5 (Oct./Nov. 2008).

Kansas Administrative Regulations, 2008 supplement.

Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, Federal, 2009.

Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, State, 2009.

Kansas Court Rules for Judicial Districts, Local, 2009.

Kansas Long-Term Care Handbook, 2nd ed. Edited by Emily A. Donaldson and Molly M. Wood.

Law Library Journal, v. 100:4 (Fall 2008).

Probate & Trust Administration After Death, Seventh ed., edited by Charles J. Andres and D. Michael Dwyer.

Search and Seizure: a Treatise on the Fourth Amendment, 4th ed., v. 1 - v. 6, 2008-2009 Pocket Parts.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 45:11 (Nov. 2008).

## 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.

November's entry was:

- The Douglas County Law Library is one of 83 county law libraries in Kansas.

## This Month In Legal History

December 11, 1970 - A bomb in Summerfield Hall is no joke.

1970 was a violent year in Lawrence, Kansas, perhaps the most violent since 1863, the year of Quantrill's Raid. The Student Union at the University of Kansas was burned in an arson fire on the night of April 20, 1970. Two young men were shot and killed by police within four days of each other in July. Tensions were high. In anticipation of trouble, KU officials had begun locking down the interior doors of all campus buildings after 6:00 pm. At approximately 10:56 pm on the night of December 11, 1970, a call came in to the switchboard of the Computation Center in Summerfield Hall on the KU campus. The caller told the operator that, "There is a bomb in the machine room set to go off in three minutes. This is no joke." Computation Center staff immediately began evacuating people from the building out into the 20-degree night air. Bomb threats on campus were not a rare occurrence that year, and three students went back into the building to resume their work, assuming that the bomb threat was a hoax. At 11:00 pm, a bomb exploded, blowing out a cinder block wall and bending the large metal doors leading into the computer room. Shrapnel from the blast was sprayed across

campus to the east and south. The three students who had reentered the building were all injured, but even though two of them were just 10 feet away from the bomb when it went off, none of the injuries was serious. There was extensive superficial damage to the building, but no structural damage was found. The University's mainframe computer was not damaged. It was thought that the force of the explosion was blocked by a stairwell and boxes of computer paper and blank student schedules. The locking of interior doors at 6:00 pm probably prevented the bomb from being placed in a location that would have caused more damage. There was an extensive investigation into the bombing by the Lawrence Police Department, the Lawrence Fire Department, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Six truckloads of debris were sifted for clues, but nothing incriminating was found. Many suspected that the Weathermen, a radical offshoot of the Students for a Democratic Society, were responsible, but there was no evidence to implicate them. In spite of all the best efforts of the authorities and \$2,500 being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators, it was never determined who bombed the building. The building was repaired and today houses the KU Business School. No one has ever taken responsibility for the bombing, leaving the identity of the bombers a mystery to this day.

From: "This Is No Joke," by Douglas Harvey, on the This Week In KU History website - <http://www.kuhistory.com/proto/story.asp?id=102>.

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.

### **Lost and Found**

Two personal items have been left in the Law Library. One is a black pea coat, women's size 6. The other is a pair of wire-framed glasses. If either of these is yours, please reclaim your property.

### **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.

### **Position Available:**

Attorney Position - Assistant District Court Trustee - Part-time attorney position (20 hrs/wk) responsible for enforcing and collecting child and spousal support orders. Must be licensed in Kansas with experience in family law and specifically support matters and have excellent customer service skills with desire to serve the public. Starting salary \$26,882, with insurance and benefits. Submit resume, cover letter, and legal writing sample (not to exceed 10 pgs) **by December 5, 2008** to Katy Nitcher, 111 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, KS 66044 or to [knitcher@douglas-county.com](mailto:knitcher@douglas-county.com). Complete job listing found at [http://www.douglas-county.com/district\\_court/dc\\_jobs.aspx](http://www.douglas-county.com/district_court/dc_jobs.aspx).  
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