

# Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter

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### Judge Six Joins Law Library Board

During its 2004 session, the Kansas Legislature approved the addition of a sixth division to the district court of Douglas County. On January 4, 2005, Governor Kathleen Sebelius announced her appointment of Stephen N. Six as judge in the newly created Division VI of the Seventh Judicial District. On February 4, 2005, Judge Six was given the oath of office.

With his swearing in, Judge Six joined the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees. This is pursuant to K.S.A. 20-3127(b) which reads in part: "The board of trustees of the law library ... shall consist of

the district judge or judges of the district court presiding in such county ... ."

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Judge Six to the Court and to the Board.

### Board Election This Spring

The two-year terms of the four attorney members of the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees, David J. Brown, Kay Huff, Margie Wakefield, and Charles Whitman, will expire on May 1 of this year. The biennial election to fill these four positions, as well as a newly created position (see following article), has been scheduled for this spring.

To save time and ensure that the nomination and election process goes as smoothly as possible, the Board has decided that only self-nominations will be accepted. Only registered attorneys who have paid their 2005 Law Library fee are eligible to serve on the board and to vote in the election.

Eligible attorneys who wish to nominate themselves for election to one of the five attorney positions should complete a nomination form and submit it to the Law Library no later than the deadline for nominations on March 1, 2005. Nomination forms have been mailed to all registered attorneys who have paid the 2005 Law

Library fee. The nomination form is also available on the Law Library's website.

On April 1, ballots will be mailed to registered attorneys who have paid their 2005 Law Library fee. Completed ballots will be due back in the Law Library by 5:00 pm on April 15. The newly elected attorneys will take office on May 1, 2005.

### **Fifth Attorney Member to be Added to Law Library Board**

At its January 2005 meeting, the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees approved the addition of a fifth attorney member position to the Board. The Board was concerned that the addition of a sixth district judge who, by statute, is a member of the Board, might disrupt the balance between attorneys and judges on the Board. To mitigate this, the Board approved the change.

Before this change, the Board already had two more attorney representatives than the two that are required by statute.

The new attorney member will be elected during this spring's Board election (see previous article) and take office on May 1, 2005.

### **Deadline for Board Election Nominations**

The deadline for nominations to fill the five attorney member positions on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees is March 1, 2005. Please be sure to get all nominations in by then, as none will be accepted after that date.

### **Art Gallery Exhibitions**

The current exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery is photography by D.W. Gates.

The exhibition will run through the end of February. Works in the collection are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Mr. Gates is available in the Library.

The March 2005 exhibition will feature paintings by Lynn Metzger. More information on this exhibit will be in the March E-Mail Newsletter.

For more information on 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 at [http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/art\\_gallery.html](http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/art_gallery.html).

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. 15 or [billpen@pendletonandsutton.com](mailto:billpen@pendletonandsutton.com), or the Law Library at 838-2477 or [info@douglascountylawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascountylawlibrary.org).

### **New Acquisitions**

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

Advanced Sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v. 278:3/33:1, Nov. 2004.

Juvenile and Family Court Journal, v. 55:4, Fall 2004.

Kansas Family Law, v. 1, 2004 Pocket Part.

Kansas Family Law, v. 2, 2004 Supplement.

Kansas Trial Handbook, 2004 Pocket Part.

## **Volunteer Opportunities in the Law Library**

The Library is looking for individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

Reference 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: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/volunteers.html>.

### **Library Volunteer Program**

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 at: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/volunteers.html>.

## **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.

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