

Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter



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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, February 16th 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 Past Due

The 2007 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is now past due. If you have not paid your \$10.00 fee, your filing privileges will be suspended and your Law Library key will be deactivated until payment is received by the Court Clerk's Office.

In addition, if your fee has not been paid, you will not be eligible to stand for election this spring as an attorney member on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees or to participate in the voting.

Library Board of Trustees Election

An election is now in progress to fill the five attorney member positions on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees, the two-year terms of the incumbents expiring on May 1, 2007.

Attorneys for whom the Library has a postal mailing address have been mailed a copy of an Attorney Members Self-Nomination Form by postal mail. In order to ensure that only attorneys who are willing to serve are nominated, only self-nominations are being taken. If a local attorney would like his or

her name placed on the ballot for election to one of the five attorney member positions on the Board, he/she should complete the nomination form and get it in to the Law Library no later than 5:00 PM on March 1, 2007, the deadline for nominations. The form is also available on the Law Library's website. Attorneys who have not paid the 2007 Law Library Registration Fee are ineligible to run for election to the Board.

Ballots for the election will be mailed on April 2, 2007 to all attorneys who have paid their 2007 Law Library Registration Fee.

Casemaker Seminars Scheduled

The Kansas Bar Association has announced a schedule of seminars for Casemaker, the on-line legal research tool now available to all KBA members. The seminars have been scheduled in Overland Park, Topeka, and Wichita (see dates and locations, below). These sessions are free and have been submitted to the Kansas CLE Commission for 1.0 hour of CLE credit*. Each course is designed to introduce Kansas legal professionals to using Casemaker online.

To register for one of the sessions, visit the KBA website at <http://www.ksbar.org> or call Bar Headquarters at (785) 234-5696. Walk-ins are welcome, as are nonmembers** of the KBA and legal assistant/paralegals (note: each session has the same content. There is no limit to the number of sessions that can be attended, but only one total credit will be earned).

For more information about Casemaker, visit <http://www.ksbar.org/casemaker> or e-mail the KBA at casemaker@ksbar.org.

Casemaker Seminar Schedule

Monday, February 5, 2007

The Casemaker Explosion

Overland Park Convention and
Visitors Bureau

9001 West 110th Street,
Overland Park, Kansas

Session One: 9:10 - 10:00 AM (Full)

Session Two: 10:30 - 11:20 AM

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

The Casemaker Explosion

Kansas Bar Association

1200 S.W. Harrison Street
Topeka, Kansas

Session One: 12:10 - 1:00 PM

Session Two: 2:10 - 3:00 PM

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Casemaker Explosion

Wichita Public Library

223 South Main Street

Wichita, Kansas

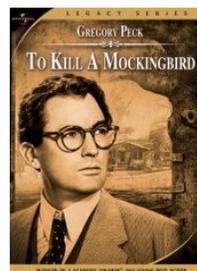
Session One: 12:10 - 1:00 PM

Session Two: 2:10 - 3:00 PM

*Pending credit approval.

**All nonmembers will receive login credentials giving them free unlimited access to Casemaker for one full week.

***To Kill a Mockingbird* to be Screened on February 23rd**



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2007, with a screening of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, starring Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, and Brock Peters.

The film was nominated for eight Academy Awards in 1962, and received three Oscars: best Actor (Peck), best Black-and-White Art

Direction, and best Screenplay from Another Medium.

In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a widower lawyer (Peck) in a 1930's Alabama town defends a black man (Brock Peters) accused of raping a white woman. The trial and the racially charged events surrounding it provide the lawyer's two children with a moral lesson and an insight into their deeply principled father's character. The film was adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel written by Harper Lee.

In addition to the film, the program will include an appearance by local attorney Martin Miller, who will provide commentary on how the film portrays the justice system.

The program will be presented in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

The next film in the "Reels of Justice Film Series" will be *12 Angry Men*, scheduled for screening in May 2007.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The February exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are photography by Roger Spohn.

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

The March 2007 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions are open for scheduling. More information on the exhibits will be in the March 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:

Courtroom Criminal Evidence, 4th, v. 1 and v. 2, 2006 Supplements.

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.

January's entries were:

- The Law Library is serving as the archives for the Douglas County Bar Association.
- The Law Library is an orientation site for participants in the new Parent Ally Project being implemented by the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration.

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:

February 20, 1858 - The charter for the City of Lawrence, Kansas, is accepted and city officers are elected.

In July of 1857, citizens of the Free-State stronghold of Lawrence, Kansas, attempted to establish a charter for the city as part of organizing a city government. In response, Kansas Territorial Governor Robert J. Walker declared that Lawrence was trying to establish an illegal government and so was in rebellion against the then pro-slavery territorial legislature. Three months later in the October 1857 territorial election, and after a number of "bogus" elections in the preceding three years, Free-State partisans gained control of the Kansas territorial legislature for the first time. One of the first things the new legislature did was to consider a charter for Lawrence. On February 11, 1858, a bill was passed legalizing the original Lawrence city charter of July 1857. On February 20, 1858, the charter was accepted by the citizens of Lawrence and city officers were elected.

Excerpted from - Wonderful Old Lawrence, by Elfriede Fischer Rowe, and Territorial Kansas Timeline, by Dale E. Watts <http://www.lecomptonkansas.com/index.php?doc=time.php>.

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.

Work Station 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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