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Meeting and Event Announcements

The Defense Bar meets the second Friday of the month. This month the meeting is on the 8th.

The February Douglas County Bar Association Brown Bag CLE program will be on

Thursday, February 21, 2013, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center. David Brown will present *Conflicts of Laws Facing Attorneys Representing LGBTQ Families*. Handout material can be downloaded from the [DCBA website](#).

Self-Nominations for Law Library Board Election Sought from Attorneys

The nominating process to identify candidates for this spring's election of the five attorney members to serve on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees for the 2013/2015 term has begun.

The attorneys current serving as members of the Board are Julia V. Bellemere, Hatem Chahine, Jody Meyer, Craig A. Stancliffe, and Charles E. Whitman. Their terms expire on May 1, 2013.

In order to ensure that only attorneys who are willing to serve are nominated, only self-nominations will be taken. Eligible* attorneys who have paid their 2013 Law Library Registration Fee, and for whom the Library has a postal mailing address on file, will be sent a copy of an Attorney Members Self-Nomination Form by postal mail. The self-

nomination form is also available through the Law Library's website by clicking [here](#).

Local attorneys who would like to nominate themselves to be placed on the ballot for the election in April should complete a nomination form and return it to the Law Library. All nominations must be received in the Law Library no later than 5:00 PM on March 1, 2013, the deadline for nominations.

More information on the election will be in next month's E-Mail Newsletter.

* To be eligible to serve as an attorney member on the board, one must be an attorney whose principal office, i.e.: main practice, is in Douglas County, or, if the practice is in another state, resides in Douglas County.

Underutilized Periodical Subscriptions Will Be Cancelled

The periodicals use survey that is part of the extensive re-evaluation of all the journals, supplements, pocket parts, and other periodical publications in the Law Library is continuing. To date, very few Library users have been indicating their use of such material in the Library, and this is endangering future access to this material.

Periodical material currently acquired by the Library that does not meet the use criteria determined by a special committee formed for the purpose of evaluating such material will be cancelled. The only way that the committee can determine usage is by the user logging his or her use of the material when the material is used.

The committee has divided the titles up for cancellation into two lists, ones that may be cancelled and ones that will definitely be

cancelled without significant support for keeping them.

Titles that may be cancelled without significant support are:

- Child Law Practice
- Child Support Guidelines
- Drunk Driving Defense
- Juvenile Justice Update
- Kansas Trial Handbook
- Lawrence Journal-World
- Search and Seizure Bulletin

Titles that will definitely be cancelled without significant support are:

- Complete Manual of Criminal Forms, CD-ROM
- Courtroom Criminal Evidence
- Criminal Evidentiary Foundations
- Criminal Investigation Handbook
- Criminal Procedure
- Criminal Trial Techniques
- Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, v. 1, State
- Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, v. 2, Federal
- Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, v. 2A, Keyrules, Federal
- Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, v. 3, Local
- Kansas Family Law
- Kansas Legal Directory
- Lawyer's Guide to Kansas Evidence
- Pretrial Motions in Criminal Prosecutions
- Search and Seizure
- Search and Seizure Checklists
- Understanding DUI Scientific Evidence

There is a log in the Library on which to record usage of all the periodical material up for review. To ensure that the Library will continue to purchase periodical material that is valuable to you in your practice, it is essential that you record on this log each and every time you use the materials in question.

Decennial Bar Association Photography To Be in Law Library

The Law Library will serve as the location for this year's photography sessions of individual Douglas County Bar Association members. These sessions occur once every ten years, the last one being in 2003, and the individual photographs resulting from the sessions will be used to create a large framed composite photograph of bar members to be hung in the lobby of the Clerk of the District Court's office.

The photographer will be in the Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on two days in February, Tuesday the 12th and Wednesday the 20th. For more information, contact the Douglas County Bar Association.

Coat Left in Library - Is It Yours?

A woman's black winter coat was left in the Library sometime during late November or early December. If you are missing a coat that meets that description, please come identify and claim it.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition



The February/March 2013 Law Library and Division IV art gallery exhibitions are cut paper art by Angie Pickman.

The exhibitions will run through the end of March 2013.

The April/May exhibitions in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are scheduled to be mixed media by Kerry Thonen. More information on these exhibitions will be in the April 2013 E-Mail Newsletter.

For more information on past, current, and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Gallery, please con-

sult 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 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:

ABA Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 32:1 (Jan. 2013).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v. 295:1/v. 48:1 (Nov. 2012).

Bradley Parenting Time Calculator, 2013 edition.

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 18:5 (Oct./Nov. 2012) and v. 18:6 (Dec. 2012/Jan. 2013).

Kansas Child Support Calculator, 2013 edition.

Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, Desk Reference Manual, 2012.

Manual of Procedure for Incorporating by Reference the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2012 ed.

Pattern Instructions Kansas, Civil, 4th, 2012 Supplement.

Reports of rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, 2012.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 49:12 (Dec. 2012)

Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 40th ed. (2012).

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.

January's entry was:

It is a violation of Library policy for someone who has been issued a Law Library key to allow anyone else to use that key to gain access to the Library. Such action can result in suspension of Library privileges.

This Month In Legal History

February 5, 1859 - A busy week for legal matters in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, comes to an end.

An article titled *The Excitement of the Past Week* appeared in the February 5, 1859, edition of the *Herald of Freedom* that was published in Lawrence, Kansas Territory. In it, the author, likely George W. Brown, the newspaper's editor, wrote of the events in the town that first week of February. The Territorial Legislature was in session there, as was the Territorial Supreme Court, the Special Term of the District Court, and the Grand Jury for the Special Term. In response to such a concentration of sovereign authority, the article observed that, "As a matter of course the city is crowded with people from all parts of the Territory. Honest farmers, scheming speculators, windy politicians and the unfortunate or dishonest dupes of designing men mingle together, and according to their respective motives and interests, seek to form and direct public opinion for the Territory." It was noted that

the District Court was in session for a trial of "jay-hawkers," men who purportedly supported the Free State cause in Kansas who had been carrying out raids in the Territory. The week previous to the one in question had had its excitement too, and that excitement lingered. On January 25th, Dr. John Doy and his son Charles were escorting thirteen black men, women, and children from Lawrence. They were fleeing to safety in Iowa when they were accosted by a party of men from Missouri, taken prisoner, and transported to Missouri for trial. A Free State supporter named Clough, who had been with the Doys, but had been released by the captors, returned to Lawrence with the story of what had happened. This caused much ill feeling in town over what seemed to be an illegal act, and there was much talk about doing something about it. On January 28th, three days after Doy and his son were captured, the abolitionist John Brown and a party of Free State men left Lawrence escorting twelve black men, women, and children. Brown had freed eleven slaves in a raid in Vernon County, Missouri, on December 20, 1858, and had eventually brought them to Lawrence. On the way, one of the women had given birth to a son, bringing the total of those escaping to freedom to twelve. In the newspaper article, it was reported that word had come that John Brown, his men, and the fleeing slaves had been set upon by a considerable body of men and were besieged in a log house near Holton, Kansas Territory. It was reported that a deputy marshal was leading a posse there to prevent any violence, and to arrest Brown and bring him back to Lawrence for trial. Bringing Brown to town for trial would not have been a popular decision, as he had many supporters there, and the prospect of this would undoubtedly have increased the ill feeling in Lawrence. The article went on to decry the violence in the Territory, and questioned the motives of men who committed such acts when it was

obvious that the Free State cause in Kansas was going to be successful. This theme continued in a second article in the same edition of the paper titled *Crime is Crime*, presumably also authored by George W. Brown, which compared the acts of violence committed by both sides in the struggle over slavery in Kansas Territory as equal and abhorrent alike. As it turned out, both issues that were stirring up feelings in Lawrence the week that the articles were published in the newspaper were resolved. Early in the morning of July 24, 1859, John Doy was broken out of jail in St. Joseph, Missouri, by a group of Free State men from Lawrence that included his son Charles, who had been released by the Missouri authorities some time earlier, and was escorted back to safety in Lawrence. The report that John Brown was besieged near Holton proved to be an exaggeration. A group of proslavery men were in the area of a cabin where Brown and his party were resting, but were unwilling to attack the well know abolitionist until they received reinforcements. Brown got word to Topeka asking for reinforcements, and a party of Free State men came to support him. On January 31st, the proslavery men were entrenched along the north bank of Straight Creek, blocking Brown's way to the north. As Brown and his men approached the creek from the south, one or two proslavery men jumped up and ran to their horses, followed quickly by most of the rest of the forty-five men opposing Brown. Only four men remained on the north bank, and they quickly surrendered to the Topeka men. Not a shot had been fired on either side in what came to be known as "The Battle of the Spurs," so named because that was the only weapon employed by the men opposing Brown. Brown escorted the freed slaves out of Kansas, and so left the Territory for the last time. He eventually watched them cross the river from Detroit, Michigan, to freedom in Canada, before he left to meet his own destiny later that year in Harpers Ferry.

From: Herald of Freedom, v. 4, no. 27 (February 5, 1859), pg. 2, and [Kansas Historical Collections - The Battle of the Spurs and John Brown's Exit from Kansas](#), Kansas Historical Society website.

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, or comments and suggestions on the Law Library itself, please let us know. For your convenience, there is a link to a [feedback form](#) available on most pages of the Law Library's website. 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.

No Ads this Month.



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