

# The Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter



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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 13th.

The February 2017 Douglas County Bar Association Brown Bag CLE program will be on Thursday, February 16th, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center. Curtis Barnhill will present *Dividing Federal Retirement Benefits in Divorce: Civil Service, Retired Military Pay, & Railroad Retirement*. Check the [DCBA website](#) for more information on the program, on the CLE credits available, and for handout material.

### Law Librarian Position Ending

As previously reported, the Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees has decided that the professional position of Law Librarian will be replaced with the non-professional position of Law Library Manager effective April 1, 2017.

### Recruitment for Law Library Manager Position

The Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees is currently advertising to fill the newly created position of Law Library Manager:

## **Position: Law Library Manager**

The Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library is seeking a self-motivated **Law Library Manager** with excellent communication and organizational skills, as well as a basic understanding of and demonstrated willingness to learn in the following critical areas:

### **1. Information Technology.**

- Includes knowledge of and demonstrated willingness to learn both hardware/ physical technology & software/online components of the Law Library.
- Hardware/Physical Technology—Familiarity with office technology (e.g., computers, tablets, server, networking equipment, copier) including basic diagnostic skills and the ability to order, set up, and maintain equipment.
- Software/Online—Working knowledge of Internet search techniques, demonstrated willingness to learn to navigate legal research databases.

### **2. Office Management.**

- Ability to meet the daily needs of Law Library operations, including:
- Coordinate interlibrary loan requests of patrons.
- Order publications and publication updates.
- Maintain and update content of existing professional website for Law Library.
- Maintain professional physical appearance of the Law Library.
- Monitor Law Library during public hours and maintain statistics on Law Library usage.
- Prepare a monthly informational newsletter.

### **3. Assistance to the Public.**

- Act as the face of the Law Library to the public.

- Demonstrate a proven ability to work with/serve the public.
- Compile and post a quarterly list of legal resources available to the public.

### **4. Knowledge of Budgetary Process & Interaction with Board of Trustees.**

- Ability to prepare and administer annual Law Library budget.
- Organize and participate in quarterly meetings of the Law Library Board of Trustees.
- Coordinate and facilitate periodic meetings of standing Law Library committees.
- Perform other Board-designated tasks as need arises.

### **5. Other duties as assigned.**

#### ***Background, Compensation, and Other Information***

B.A. or B.S. preferred.

Hourly compensation rate: \$15.00 to \$20.00, DOQ

- 20 hours/week (flexible), with schedule subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.
- Full benefits provided (medical, dental, vision, retirement).

Start Date: April 1, 2017

Position Advertised: January 2017

#### **To Apply:**

Send cover letter and resume to:

Douglas County Law Library, 1040 New Hampshire Lawrence, KS 66044

Or email it to: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

#### **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 2017/2019 term has begun.

The attorneys currently serving as members of the Board are Curtis G. Barnhill, Kyle Brittingham, Napoleon Crews, Sarah Warner, and Charles E. Whitman. Their terms expire on May 1, 2017.

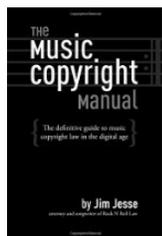
In order to ensure that only attorneys who are willing to serve are nominated, only self-nominations will be taken. Eligible\* attorneys who have paid their 2017 Law Library Registration Fee, and for whom the Library has an e-mail address on file, will be sent a copy of an Attorney Members Self-Nomination Form by e-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 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 p.m. on March 1, 2017, 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.

### **Local Attorney Publishes Music Copyright Manual**



Local attorney Jim Jesse has written and recently published *The Music Copyright Manual: The Definitive Guide to Music Copyright Law in the Digital Age*. He has been an attorney

for twenty-five years and for a time served as general counsel for a music television start-up company. Jim is also a singer-songwriter and has released two albums. He has studied music copyright law for years and travels the country doing seminars for his company, Rock N Roll Law.

The law library has a copy of the manual in its collection. It is also available for purchase from the author and through Amazon.com.

### **Current Art Gallery Exhibition**

The February/March 2017 Law Library and Division III art gallery exhibitions are photography by Camron Flanders. The exhibitions will run through the end of March 2017.

The April/May 2017 exhibition slots in the Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division III Art Gallery are scheduled to be abstracts by Aram Aghdaie. Aram had the first ever exhibition of her work here last year, and it was so well received that we have scheduled her again this year.

For more information on past, current, and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Galleries, please consult the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website.

If you would like to exhibit your art in our galleries, 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](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

### **New Acquisitions**

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

2017 Bradley Parenting Time Calculator.

2017 Kansas Child Support Calculator.

AALL Spectrum, v. 21:3 (Jan/Feb. 2017).

ABA Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 35, no. 12 (December 2016) and v. 36, no. 1 (Jan. 2017).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v. 305:1/v. 53:1 (Nov. 2016).

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 22:6 (Dec. 2016./Jan. 2017).

Kansas Family Law, v. 1, 2016-2017 ed., by Linda D. Elrod.

Kansas Family Law, v. 2, 2016-2017 ed., by Linda D. Elrod.

The Music Copyright Manual: The Definitive Guide to Music Copyright Law in the Digital Age, by Jim Jesse.

Pretrial Motions in Criminal Prosecutions, 4th., 2016 Cumulative Supplement.

Reports of rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, 2017.

Search and Seizure, Fifth Edition, v. 1 and v. 2, 2016 Supplements.

### **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:

Including its current members, twenty-seven individual judges and attorneys have served on the Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees since it was organized in 2001.

### **This Month In Legal History**

February 11, 1855 - Leffridge dies after having been shot by Moody.

A short article appeared in the February 14, 1855, edition of the *Kansas Free Press* titled "Leffridge Dead". The text of the article reads "Leffridge, who was shot some time since by Moody of Westport, died on last Sabbath evening of his wound. Moody, the murderer, has fled the county--gone to parts unknown--but it is supposed by many that he has gone to old Mexico, by way of Santa Fe." This illustrates many of the problems encountered while performing historical research on lesser known events such as this, and what one has to do to write about them. The first challenge is to determine who the two persons mentioned were. Both men are identified only by their last names. Lacking first names or initials makes researching them very difficult. One way to attempt to discover the first names is to consult census records. A search of U.S. Census records for 1850, the most recent one prior to 1855, does not return anyone with the last name Leffridge. This is common, as not everyone was enumerated in any given census, and the misspelling of names is unfortunately also very common. In addition, sometimes a person would change their name when they came to a new territory like Kansas to get a new start, which is also a problem hard to overcome. In contrast to Leffridge, there are over thirty males that are associated with Westport, Missouri, in the 1850 census who are named Moody, and who were between the ages of 16 and 40, the most likely age range for him. This is far too many to make an educated guess as to whether any of them

is the correct one. The first Kansas Territorial Census, taken in 1855, is no help either, because the Douglas County portion was not scheduled to be completed until February 14th, well after Leffridge had been shot and three days after he died. Moody had already fled the county some time before that. Another source of information is the FamilySearch genealogy website provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This is often a good resource for finding information on the families of people being researched, but knowing only Leffridge and Moody's last names again results in not being able to find anything about them there. Sometimes a search of the Internet turns up information on other genealogical or historical websites, but this is not the case with either of these two men. Not being able to obtain either man's first name severely limits obtaining background information on them. Nothing about where or when they were born, their ages, their family connections, their occupations, their prior history, or the reasons they were in Kansas Territory and encountered each other can be known. This makes writing about the incident extremely difficult. Compounding the problems is that many older resources on the Internet have been transcribed from the original, and mistakes are made during the transcription process. This was the case with this story. The first reference to this incident that was found was on a web page titled *Death Notices from Kansas Territorial Newspapers* that is on the Kansas Historical Society website. It was transcribed from an article with the same title published in the August 1950 issue of the journal *Kansas Historical Quarterly*. In the on-line transcription, Leffridge's name is spelled Leffrillge<sup>1</sup>, which caused problems locating the article in the original newspaper article from 1855. Trying to locate Leffrillge when the correct spelling is Leffridge complicates matters significantly. As to the date of Leffridge's death, the article in the *Kansas Free Press* did not give the

date but instead alludes to him having died the previous Sabbath. Assuming that most of the newspaper's readers were Christians, the Sabbath would have been a Sunday. The newspaper was published on Wednesday, February 14th, so the previous Sunday would have been February 11, 1855. Since the newspaper was published in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, this is most likely where Leffridge died. So in the final analysis, we have a man known to us only as Leffridge who died on Sunday, February 11, 1855, in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, after having been shot by a man from Missouri known to us only as Moody and who escaped punishment for the deed. New resources containing old, original documents are being added to the Internet all the time, so someday, more information on this story may come to light, but for now, we will have to be content with the few details that we do have.

<sup>1</sup> The error has since been corrected.

From: Kansas Free State, v. 1, no. 5 (February 14, 1855), p. 2; [Territorial Census, 1855, District 2](#), Kansas Memory website; [Death Notices from Kansas Territorial Newspapers, 1854-1861](#), Kansas Historical Society website; and, Kansas Historical Quarterly, v. 18, no. 3 (August 1950), p. 322.

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 Michael J. Malone 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: Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library, Judicial and

Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Law Library's telephone number is: 785-838-2477. The Library's e-mail address is: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

### **Back Issues**

Back issues of the Newsletter are [archived](#) on the Library's website.

### **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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