

Douglas County Law Library

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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th 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 Due

The 2007 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is now due. Please be sure to have your \$10.00 fee payment in to the Court Clerk's Office by the January 15, 2007, deadline to avoid a suspension of your filing privileges.

Library to be Site of Parent Ally Project Orientation

The Law Library will be an orientation site for participants in the new Parent Ally Project that is being implemented by the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration.

The Project is designed to provide parents involved in Child in Need of Care Cases the opportunity to choose up to two "parent allies" who can accompany them when they attend post-adjudication court hearings. By law, parent allies must take part in an orientation program before they will be allowed to accompany parents to court.

The OJA has created print, CD-ROM, and on-line versions of the material to be used for the parent ally orientation. The Law Library will make the orientation material

available to potential parent allies by appointment during its public hours.

For more information, contact the Library.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The January exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery is oils by Pamela Rees.

The exhibit will run through the end of January. All of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Ms. Rees is available in the Library.

Division IV has a special exhibit for the month featuring artwork from Judicial and Law Enforcement Center staff.

The February 2007 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will feature photography by Roger Spohn. More information on the exhibits will be in the February 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:

AALL Spectrum, v. 11:3 (Dec. 2006).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.282:2/36:2 (Nov. 2006).

Law Library Journal, v. 98:4 (Fall 2006).

Physicians Desk Reference, 61st ed., 2007.

Reports of rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, 2006.

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.

December's entries were:

- The Law Library is always seeking attorneys who are interested in providing commentary and personal insights as part of the screening of films in the Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series."
- The Law Library is soliciting material on the history of law and jurisprudence in Douglas County for inclusion in the new "This Month in Legal History" column, published in the Library's E-Mail Newsletter and on the Library's website.
- The Law Library is adding CLE material to its holdings.

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:

January 28, 1907 - The United States Court of Claims decides against the University of Kansas on its claim for damages resulting from the destruction of the Free State Hotel in 1856.

The New England Emigrant Aid Company owned the Free State Hotel in Lawrence, Kansas, when it was deliberately destroyed on May 21, 1856, by a posse of pro-slavery men lead by Douglas County Sheriff Samuel Jones. For years after the event, the Company tried to get the United States Congress to recognize their claim that Sheriff Jones was acting as a Deputy United States Marshal under orders from the United States District Court in Kansas at the time of the attack, and as such, the federal government owed the Company \$25,000 in damages. In February of 1897, the stockholders of the by then defunct Company voted to transfer their claim for the destruction of the Hotel to the University of Kansas. The University filed a claim with the United States Court of Claims in 1903 seeking damages for the loss. On January 28, 1907, the court denied the claim finding that when Sheriff Jones and his posse destroyed the hotel, "it does not appear that the said Sheriff had any official connection with the United States." It was true, the court said, that Jones had announced that he was a deputy United States marshal, that he was acting under an order of the "United States Court for Douglas County," and that he had a writ from the court, but all those announcements were untrue. Not satisfied with the ruling, the University continued to seek legislative relief for their claim off and on until 1934 when it finally abandoned the effort.

Excerpted from - The University of Kansas and the Sack of Lawrence: A Problem of Intellectual Honesty, by C. S. Griffin, Kansas Historical Quarterly, Winter, 1968.

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.

Employment opportunities:

Cloon Legal Services is presently taking applications/resumes for a part-time attorney and a full-time legal assistant. Pay dependent upon qualifications. Please submit resume by email to ozlaw@aol.com, by fax to 785-594-6930, or by mail to: PO Box 969, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

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