

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 will be on the 9th.

Call for Speaker's Bureau Speakers

The following information is included at the request of Ed Collister:

The Douglas County Bar Association and the Douglas County Criminal Defense Bar made a determination some time ago to establish a speaker's bureau to provide informational programs on the law and justice system to civic groups or any organization that wishes to hear from us.

The original discussions considered how to organize such a program.

There are some guidelines that must be followed. Please provide any contact information for yourself, a general description of your experience as a lawyer or one who works in the judicial system, and identify the topic about which you are interested in presenting a program.

In addition, please provide a basic and/or brief description of the subjects about which you propose to speak and your objective in presenting the program. All of the requirements set out above are mandatory. We will not consider any volunteer who fails to completely provide the requested information.

On other thing. The purpose of this program is educational. If it is discovered that any participant has used the program to advertise

the speaker's talents or capability the offender will be removed from the group and not be eligible to present any further programs.

Anyone who is interested in participating as a speaker should let us know by contacting Sara at Collister and Kampschroeder, collkamp@sbcglobal.net, 842-3126, or by FAX at 842-3878.

2009 Law Library Fees Due January 15th

The 2009 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is due on January 15th. If the \$10.00 annual fee is not received in the Court Clerk's Office by that date, the attorney will be barred from filing pleading or other papers with the Clerk, as per K.S.A. 20-3126.

In addition to being barred from filing material with the Clerk, attorneys who do not pay their 2009 fee will not be eligible to run for one of the attorney positions on the Law Library Board or to vote in the election to fill those positions that is scheduled for next year.

Law Library Board of Trustees Election

The process to elect five attorneys to fill the attorney member positions on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees that will expire on May 1, 2009, will begin next month. Attorneys for whom the Library has a postal mailing address will be mailed a copy of an Attorney Members Self-Nomination Form by postal mail.

More information on the nominating process will be in next month's Newsletter.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The January exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division

IV Art Gallery are charcoal paintings by Matthew Woodard.

The exhibits will run through the end of January. Most of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Mr. Woodard is available in the Library and Division IV.

The February 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be photography by Thomas Ingles. 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. 13:2 and v. 13:3 (Nov. 2008 and Dec. 2008).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.286:4/v.40:1 (Nov. 2008).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 27:10 (Dec. 2008).

Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, Desk Reference Manual, 2008.

Reports of rules adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, 2008.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 45:12 (Dec. 2008).

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.

November's entry was:

- There will be an election in April of 2009 to fill the five attorney member positions on the Law Library Board of Trustees.

This Month In Legal History

January 16, 1858 - Mrs. Canfield is under suspicion of poisoning her husband.

The January 16, 1858, edition of the Herald of Freedom newspaper reported that Erastus D. Ladd, Esquire, a well-known and highly respected attorney in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, had been conducting an examination into the death of a Mr. Canfield. Canfield had been a resident of Lawrence at the time of his death two weeks earlier. Prior to his death, Canfield had exhibited all the symptoms of having been poisoned with arsenic. A post-mortem examination had taken place and, "though a through analysis of the stomach has not yet taken place, yet the physicians are of the opinion that his death was occasioned by arsenic." Canfield's widow, referred to only as Mrs. Canfield, was suspected of having administered the poison to her husband, "whether justly or unjustly we shall not undertake to decide; but it must be conceded that the interest increases as the

investigation progresses, and fears are entertained by many that the deceased has been foully dealt with by somebody." The outcome of the analysis and the fate of Mrs. Canfield are not known.

From: Murders Occurring in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, from 1854 to 1859, by Margaret Dandurand, Unpublished manuscript, 2002; and, Erastus D. Ladd's Description of the Lawrence Massacre, by Burton J. Williams, Kansas Historical Quarterly, Vol. 29, No. 2 (Summer 1963), pages 113 to 121, as contained on the Kansas Collection website at http://www.kancoll.org/khq/1963/63_2_bidlack.htm.

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, 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.

No Ads this Month.

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