

# 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.

### 2012 Law Library Registration Fee Due

The 2012 Law Library Registration Fee for attorneys is due in the Law Library no later than 5:00 pm, January 17, 2012. A 2012 Law Library Registration Renewal Form/

Invoice was e-mailed to all attorneys for whom the Library had an e-mail address. If you need it re-sent, please contact the Library. The form is also available on the Law Library's website by clicking [here](#).

If you have not already paid your 2012 fee, please print and complete the form, and, along with your 2012 fee payment of \$25.00 made out to the Douglas County Law Library, submit it to the Law Library no later than January 17. Please note that the Library will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

### Update on New Computers

The new computers have been delivered and are awaiting installation as part of the upgrade to the Library's computer network, which is in progress.

### *Practitioner's Guide to Kansas Family Law, 2d*

Please be aware that the *Practitioner's Guide to Kansas Family Law, 2d*, handbook, published by the Kansas Bar Association, differs from the previous edition in that no forms are published in the volume. The forms referenced in the volume's text are

available only in electronic format through a link on the desktops of the Law Library's patron workstations. In addition to the hard copy, the handbook itself is also available in electronic format through another link on the Library's workstations.

### **Current Art Gallery Exhibition**

The December 2011/January 2012 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions are textiles by Linda Frost.

The exhibitions will run through the end of January 2012. Most of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Ms. Frost is available in the Library.

The February/March 2012 exhibitions in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are scheduled to be photography by Roger Spohn. More information on these exhibitions will be in the February 2012 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 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:

AALL Spectrum, v. 16:3 (Dec. 2011).

Kansas Legal Directory, 2011/2012.

Pretrial Motions in Criminal Prosecutions, 4th., 2011 Cumulative Supplement.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 48:11 (Nov. 2011).

### **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.

December's entry was:

The Law Library maintains a separate Internet Research Reference Collection shelved adjacent to the patron workstations along the Library's east wall.

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

January 7, 1857 - Sam Jones resigns as sheriff of Douglas County, Kansas Territory.

Samuel J. Jones was appointed as the first sheriff of Douglas County, Kansas Territory, on August 27, 1855. He had been born in Virginia, but by late 1854, he was living in Westport, Missouri, with his wife and two young children. He was one of several thousand men from Missouri who came across the border into Kansas Territory on March 30, 1855, and ensured that the pro-slavery cause would win the territorial election that day by taking over the polling places, in many cases not allowing Free-State men to vote, and seizing ballot boxes. His efforts that day caught the eye of Acting Territorial Governor Daniel Woodson, a fellow Virginian and supporter of slavery, who then appointed Jones as the first sheriff of Douglas County. Jones became notorious with Free-State supporters in Kansas, for what they saw as his blatant use of the office

to aid the proslavery movement. The most egregious example involved a large force of proslavery men who had invaded Lawrence, the headquarters of the Free-State movement in Kansas Territory. The men were originally under the command of United States Marshal Israel B. Donaldson, and ostensibly were in Lawrence to assist him serving warrants on several Free-State supporters. After Donaldson had completed his mission on May 21, 1856, Jones took command of the men and led them as they sacked and burned part of the town, including the Free State Hotel and the offices of two Free-State newspapers. The sack of Lawrence ushered in the most violent summer of the "Bleeding Kansas" period, with one act of violence building on another. At the end of 1856, Jones became involved in a dispute with then Territorial Governor John Geary. The Governor had denied Jones' request to be issued balls and chains to put on prisoners he was holding in Lecompton, then the capitol of the Territory. The Sheriff wanted to impose harsh corporal punishment on the Free-state men he was holding in prison there, but Geary wanted a more lenient, conciliatory policy, and so refused the Sheriff's request. In response, Jones resigned as Sheriff on January 7, 1857. He soon left Kansas and moved to New Mexico Territory.

From: [Samuel J. Jones \(Sheriff\), ca.1820-ca.1880](#), Territorial Kansas Online 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, 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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto: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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