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Judge Hugh Means American Inn of Court

by Eric T. Williams

The American Inns of Court Foundation (<http://www.innsofcourt.org>) was established to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, and civility in the practice of law and now comprises nearly 400 local Inns of Court around the country. This unique organization of lawyers, judges, law profes-

sors, and law students is committed to creating more effective advocates and counselors by allowing less experienced attorneys to work side-by-side with the most experienced judges and attorneys in their community. The Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court provides a collegial atmosphere that encourages networking between all members, mentoring, skills development, and the exchange of concepts, ideas and techniques by which to improve the professionalism and ethics of our local bench and bar.

The Judge Hugh Means Inn meets six times each year for dinner and a program, beginning in September and ending in April. There are six "pupilage teams," with each team reflecting a cross-section of the membership. Each month a different team presents the program on whatever legal issue that team selects. Team members meet informally outside of monthly Inn meetings to plan their program.

Annual dues are by category from date of first bar admission, and are as follows:

Masters (more than 10 years; judges; law professors) - \$235

Barristers (6-10 years) - \$205

Associates (0-5 years) - \$150

Pupils (2L or 3L) - \$80.

Annual dues include affiliation with the national Inns of Court, the monthly dinner, and any CLE hours resulting from programs.

Please consider applying, and joining other lawyers, judges, and law professors in making our profession a better one. Letters of interest should be submitted to Terry Leibold, 1211 Massachusetts, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, or by email to [tleibold@barberemerson.com](mailto:t Leibold@barberemerson.com).

Legal Film Series to Begin in August

The first entry in the Law Library's legal film series is *Inherit the Wind*, starring Spencer Tracy and Frederic March, based on the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial." It will be screened on Friday, August 25, 2006, in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium beginning at 6:00 PM. The program will include commentary on the main theme of the film and the accuracy of the film in portraying the legal system. It is free and open to the public.

The second entry in the film series will be *The Caine Mutiny*, scheduled for November 17, 2006.

Help Us "Scopes" Out Our Film Series

We are looking for an attorney who has a special affection for *Inherit the Wind* to give commentary at the screening of this premier entry in our new legal/courtroom film series. If you fit the bill and are willing to share your expertise, please let us know.

We are always looking for interested attorneys to help out with future films in the series. If you can volunteer to do just one or two favorite films, or help out long-term with the ongoing series, please contact the Law Library.

Name-That-Film-Series Contest a Flop?

As of the publication of this month's Newsletter, there have been no entries in the contest to name the Law Library's new legal/courtroom film series. Unless we receive some entries, we will all be stuck with "Legal Film Series." Get your creative juices flowing and rescue the community from this lackluster title.

Remember, the winner will have his or her name published in a future e-mail newsletter and have the glory of having contributed to the success of the film series.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The July exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery is photography by Jerry Sipe.

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

The August 2006 exhibition will feature photography by Angi Landis. More information on this exhibit will be in the August E-Mail Newsletter.

Art Gallery Exhibitions

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:

Criminal Trial Techniques, v. 1 - v. 3, 2006 Supplement.

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.

June's entries were:

- In addition to having the current volumes, the Law Library has a separate collection of superseded volumes of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, providing the ability to research statutes that have been repealed or older versions of statutes that have been revised.
- The six district judges in the county and five local attorneys elected at large by a vote of the registered attorneys in the county make up the Law Library Board of Trustees.

Current 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.

Library Volunteer Program

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.

There are no classified ads this month.

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