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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 12th.

ALR and Am. Jur. Survey

As reported in last month's Newsletter, the Library is currently reviewing the electronic legal resources it provides its users, and is surveying the local bar about the potential addition of on-line access to ALR and Am. Jur. in the Library.

If you are an attorney and have not already taken the survey, please consider doing so. The Library is utilizing an online survey service for this. There are only four questions, so it will take only a few minutes to complete.

To take the survey, click on the following link. If you get a security message, click on "Allow." You will be taken to the on-line survey form. Answer the questions, record any comments in the comments box, and then click "Done" when you are finished.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=K2w2Q1Q_2bEVFM57BqNINPPg_3d_3d

No personal information is collected, and all participants and their answers will remain completely anonymous.

Results of the survey will be used to determine whether the Library adds on-line access to ALR and/or Am. Jur., so, even if you seldom use the Law Library, or have never used it before, please take the survey.

Reels of Justice Film Series

The next screening in the Library's Reels of Justice Film Series will be "Philadelphia,"

starring Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. It will be shown at 6:00 PM, Friday, August 28th in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. Mark your calendars.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The July exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are watercolors by Johanna Hanks.

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

The August 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be watercolors by Clark Fulton. More information on the exhibit will be in the August 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.13:8 (June 2009).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 28:4 (Jun. 2009).

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 46:6 (June 2009).

Search and Seizure Checklists, 2009 ed.

West's Kansas Legislative Service, 2009:2.

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.

June's entry was:

- If you or someone you know is an artist, we want you to exhibit in the Law Library and Division IV Administrative Office Art Galleries. Contact the Law Library and get on the schedule.

This Month In Legal History

July 1865 - Raiders attack black citizens in Lawrence, Kansas.

On Wednesday, July 19, 1865, George McGee, a black resident of Lawrence, Kansas, was at home in his house on Winthrop Street in the eastern part of town when a gang of armed men showed up. The gang smashed in a window and used it to gain entrance into the house. One of the raiders held a cocked pistol to Mr. McGee's head while the rest of the eight or ten men proceeded to ransack the house for whatever they could carry off. The raiders smashed dishes, furniture, and the stove before they finally left. In a newspaper article published in the *Kansas Daily Tribune* two days following the raid, a Major Thompson, apparently commander of the military post in Lawrence, was reported as having arrested some of the raiders. Following the raid on

the McGee home, it was reported that threats had been made against all the black families living on the east side of town, and that "Learning this, the colored men determined to protect themselves and families, to the utmost of their ability." Then, between 11:00 PM and midnight on July 21st, a gang of approximately 20 white men descended on the boarding house that a Mrs. Baker ran for blacks in the southeastern part of Lawrence. The gang kicked in the door and demanded that all of the weapons in the house be turned over to them. They said that they were the Provost Guard, a military police detachment, and "had orders to take all the arms from the colored people." One of the male residents refused, saying, "I'll see you in Hell first." He grabbed his gun, jumped through an open window, and ran off to alarm the neighbors. Meanwhile, the men of the bogus Provost Guard forced their way into the boarding house. The man who had escaped through the window quickly returned with thirteen of his black friends, and a "rough-and-tumble" fight broke out. One of the raiders was hit with a musket and severely injured. The raiders retreated, and as they did, several of the defenders shot at them as they went. There were no reports of anyone being hit by the fire. One of the raiders was arrested and jailed on the morning of the 22nd. In reporting on the incident, the newspaper observed that, "The colored men of the city are united and resolute, and we are of the opinion that if another assault like this is made upon them, the ruffians will not fare so well."

From: Kansas Daily Tribune, v. 2:194(July 21, 1865), p. 3; and, ibid, v. 2:196 (July 23, 1865), p. 3.

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.

For Sale:

Have gone to document imaging and are selling off unused file cabinets. Have numerous 5 drawer letter size file cabinets for sale. They are extra deep and very sturdy. \$50-\$75 each. You haul! For more info call 785-843-3536 or stop by the Pendleton & Sutton office at 1031 Vermont Street, Suite B.

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