

Douglas County Law Library

E-Mail Newsletter



Vol. 9, No. 7; July 2012

Contents

- Meeting and Event Announcements
- Spotlight on Library Resources
- Current Art Gallery Exhibition
- New Acquisitions
- Did You Know?
- This Month In Legal History
- Law Library Volunteer Opportunities
- Feedback
- Submitting Articles for Newsletter
- To Subscribe
- Classified Ads - Nissan Pathfinder for sale

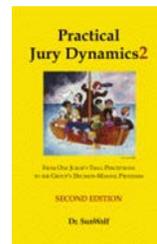
Meeting and Event Announcements

The Defense Bar meets the second Friday of the month. This month the meeting is on the 13th.

The July Douglas County Bar Association Brown Bag CLE program will be on Thursday, July 19, 2012, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center. Jim Jesse, General Counsel of Cool Music Network, LLC, will present *Music Copyright Law Basics and Cases*. Handout material can be downloaded from the [DCBA website](#).

The quarterly meeting of the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2012, at noon in the Law Library.

Spotlight on Library Resources



The resource in the spotlight this month is *Practical Jury Dynamics 2*, by Dr. SunWolf, published by LexisNexis in 2007.

As described on the publisher's website, the book "reveals the colorful, real-world dynamics of people who are unexpectedly called to jury duty." It "presents jury research and other interdisciplinary findings that implicitly and explicitly suggest ways to more persuasively communicate with jurors. A variety of practical trial strategies are offered based on knowledge drawn from ... jury research, social psychology, behavioral neuroscience, group dynamics, communication theory, [and] linguistics."

According to the biography on the author's website, "Dr. SunWolf has been a trial attorney, an appellate attorney, and the Training Director for Colorado's Public Defender Of-

fice, until she left to get her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of California—studying juries, persuasion, and group communication." She is currently Professor of Communication at Santa Clara University, teaching classes in a number of areas including interpersonal communication, group dynamics, conflict, and persuasion. She also serves as a Visiting Professor at Santa Clara University School of Law, teaching Jury Law & Strategies.

The book and its 2009 Supplement are shelved in the "General Legal" section of the Library, in the bookcase located along the wall under the windows.

Spotlight on Library Resources is an occasional feature intended to make readers aware of a resource available in the Library with which many may not be familiar.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The June/July 2012 Law Library and Division IV art gallery exhibitions are artwork by Karen Roberts.

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

The August/September 2012 exhibitions in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are scheduled to be paintings by Karen Matheis. More information on these exhibitions will be in the August 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.

New Acquisitions

Newly acquired material added to the Law Library's holdings:

ABA Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 31:6 (Jun. 2012).

Criminal Trial Techniques, 2012 Supplement.

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 18:3 (June/July 2012).

Law Library Journal, v. 104:2 (Spring 2012).

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 49:5 (May 2012).

West's Kansas Statutes Annotated: Interim Annotation Service, 2012, Directly Supplementing the 2011 Pocket Parts.

West's Kansas Legislative Service, 2012:1.

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:

The Law Library encourages everyone to "like" its [Facebook page](#).

This Month In Legal History

July 13, 1857 - Amid growing controversy, the citizens of Lawrence, Kansas Territory, adopt a city charter.

Kansas Territory was established on May 30, 1854, when President Franklin Pierce signed the Kansas-Nebraska Act into law. Election day for the first territorial legislature was scheduled for March 30, 1855. On that early spring day, thousands of proslavery Missourians poured across the border into Kansas Territory, took over the polling places, prevented Free-State men from voting, and then voted themselves, even though they were not residents of the Territory. When the ballots were counted, there were three times as many ballots cast as there were legal residents of the Territory. Even though the Free-State partisans cried foul, both the Territorial and Federal governments declared the election to be valid and allowed the vote to stand. The proslavery legislature that was formed, known ever after by the Free-Staters in Kansas as the "Bogus Legislature," met and began to enact proslavery laws with extreme punishments for anyone who would dare to break them. In response, Free-Staters formed their own anti-slavery government, elected officials and a legislature, and began competing with the Bogus Legislature for control of the Territory. Founded in 1854, Lawrence was the headquarters of the Free-State movement in Kansas Territory. Even though it had been founded within months of the opening of the territory to white settlement, political differences between it and the government were keeping the town from receiving a charter. Once in 1855 and again in early 1857, the Territorial Legislature passed acts to give the town a charter, but the Free-State residents did not recognize the legitimacy of the legislature, and so did not accept their actions as legal or binding. Instead, Lawrence applied to the Free-State Legislature in Topeka for a charter, which was denied. The

citizens of Lawrence proceeded to adopt a city charter of their own on July 13, 1857. On July 15th, Kansas Territorial Governor Robert J. Walker issued a proclamation "To the People of Lawrence" from his office in Lecompton, the Territorial Capitol and headquarters of the proslavery movement in Kansas. In his proclamation, Walker pointed out the differences between the charter adopted by the town and the one the legislature had passed, and warned that by following this course of action, the citizens of Lawrence would open up the town to a charge of treason. This threat was ignored by the town, and on July 17th, two rebuttals to Walker's proclamation were published, one being serious, and the other being a satirical rebuttal titled "To my Rebellious Subjects at Lawrence," supposedly issued by "Robertus J. Walkerus". The governor was not joking however, and he soon appeared in Lawrence at the head of 400 United States Dragoons commanded by Colonel Philip St. George Cooke (1). Walker proclaimed the town to be in open rebellion and declared it to be under martial law. Even though the citizens of Lawrence showed no signs of rebellion, Walker and the dragoons occupied the town until at least the middle of August. President James Buchanan eventually ordered the military to leave town, and after Walker and the dragoons left, the town continued to operate under the terms of its "illegal" charter. Free-Staters won the territorial election in October of 1857, and on February 11, 1858, the new Kansas Territorial Legislature repealed the act passed by the Bogus Legislature granting Lawrence a charter, and then passed a new act legalizing the July 13, 1857, charter.

(1) The two rebuttals to Walker's proclamation were published on July 17th, and it is unlikely that they would have been allowed if martial law had been declared prior to their publication, so they were likely published before Walker and the dragoon arrived in Lawrence. A letter from T. J. Marsh to George L. Stearns, written on July 18, 1857, indicates that the

dragoons were in possession of the town by the evening of the 17th. It is therefore probable that Walker and the dragoons arrived in Lawrence on the 17th, sometime after publication of the rebuttals, but before Marsh observed the troops there that evening.

From: The Annals of an Historic Town, by F.W. Blackmar, Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1893, Washington, Government Printing Office, 1894, [pp. 483, 498-499](#); [Proclamation, To the people of Lawrence](#), by Robert J. Walker, July 15, 1857, Territorial Kansas Online; [Proclamation, No. 2, To my rebellious subjects at Lawrence](#), by Robertus J. Walkerus, July 17, 1857, Territorial Kansas Online; [Letter, T. J. Marsh to George L. Stearns, July 18, 1857](#), Territorial Kansas Online; and, [Letter, T.J. Marsh to George L. Stearns, August 11, 1857](#), Territorial Kansas Online.

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, or comments and suggestions on the Law Library itself, please let us know. For your convenience, there is a link to a [feedback form](#) available on most pages of the Law Library's website. 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:

1998 Nissan Pathfinder. Fully loaded, runs well, needs some exhaust work. Would be a great second car for a teen or college student. Call if interested, 785-766-5377.



Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter

Editor: Kerry Altenbernd

Published monthly by:

The Douglas County Law Library,
Judicial and Law Enforcement Center,

111 East 11th Street,

Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Phone: 785-838-2477

Fax: 785-838-2455

E-mail: info@douglascolawlibrary.org

Website: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org>