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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, May 18th at noon in the upstairs meeting room at Free State Brewery. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Reinhold at 842-3222 or Jamie Harwood at 842-1581. The Solo Firm Group meets the third Friday of every month.

Board Election Results

The winners in the election for the five attorney member positions on the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees have been determined.

Martin L. Miller, Carolyn Simpson, and Kenzie Singleton have been elected to their first term on the Board. Stephanie J. Haggard and Charles E. Whitman have been reelected to the Board. The attorney's two-year terms officially began on May 1, 2007.

Shelley Bock, David J. Brown, and Kay Huff are leaving the Board. Brown and Huff served on the Bench/Bar subcommittee that coordinated and conducted the February 2001 election whose vote authorized the establishment of the Douglas County Law Library. They were elected to the Law Library Board of Trustees in the first attorney election in May of 2001. They were reelected to the Board in 2003 and 2005. Bock was elected to the Board in May 2005.

The editor would like to thank Mr. Bock, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Huff for their service to the Law Library.

Liberty Bell Award

Joyce McCray Pearson, Director of the University of Kansas Wheat Law Library and ex-officio member of the Douglas County Law Library Board of Trustees, is the recipient of this year's Liberty Bell Award.

The Liberty Bell Award is presented annually by the Douglas County Bar Association as part of its Law Day activities. According to the DCBA Website, "The Liberty Bell Award acknowledges outstanding community service. It is given to recognize a person who has promoted better understanding of the rule of law, encouraged a greater respect for law and the courts, stimulated a sense of civic responsibility, and contributed to good government in the community."

***12 Angry Men* to be Screened on May 25th**



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 25, 2007, with a screening of *12 Angry Men*, starring Henry Fonda. The cast includes many other notable actors including Martin Balsam, Lee J. Cobb, E.G. Marshall, Jack Klugman, Jack Warden, and Ed Begley. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards in 1958, including Best Director, Best Picture, and best Screenplay from Another Medium. It was adapted from the Emmy Award-winning 1954 "Studio One" television production written by Reginald Rose.

In *12 Angry Men*, twelve jurors deliberating on what first appears to be an open-and-shut murder case begin to question the evidence and their own prejudices after one of their members refuses to take things at face value.

In addition to the film, the program will include an appearance by local attorney and newly elected member of the Law Library's Board of Trustees, Martin Miller, who will provide commentary on how the film portrays the justice system.

The program will be presented in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium and is free and open to the public.

The next film in the "Reels of Justice Film Series" will be *Judgment at Nuremberg*, scheduled for screening on August 24, 2007.

Legal Blogs

The Library has added an icon to the desktops of the three patron workstations to provide easy access to links for legal blogs (Blog: short for weblog, a frequently updated on-line journal or newsletter intended for public consumption).



Look for this new icon labeled "Legal Blogs" the next time you use one of the Library's workstations. Click on it for a list of links to the blogs.

If you have a request or a suggestion for legal blogs that should be added to the blog list, please contact the Library.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The May exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are oil paintings by Anastacia Drake.

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

The June 2007 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions are open for scheduling. More information on the exhibits will be in the June 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. 11:6 (Apr. 2007).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.283:1/37:2 (Mar. 2007).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 18:10 - v. 25:11 (Dec. 1999 - Jan. 2007).

Courtroom Criminal Evidence, 4th, v. 1 and v. 2, 2007 Supplements.

Kansas Appellate Practice Handbook, 4th ed., 2007.

Kansas Family Law, v. 1, 2007 Pocket Part.

Kansas Family Law, v. 2, 2007 Supplement.

Missouri Legal Directory, 2005/2006.

Musings of a Smiling Bull: Selected Essays, Articles, and Speeches, by Paul E. Wilson.

Pattern Instructions for Kansas - Criminal, 3d, 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.

April's entries were:

- The Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery's third anniversary is April 30, 2007.
- In addition to the Law Library's Art Gallery, monthly exhibits of artwork are displayed in the Administrative Office of Division IV of the District Court.

This Month In Legal History

Each month, an event from the history of law and jurisprudence of Douglas County that occurred during that month will be included in the Newsletter. Entries will also be posted on the Law Library's website for the month. Submissions from readers are welcome and encouraged.

This month's entry:

May 1868 - Injunctions prohibiting Douglas County, Kansas, from issuing and maintaining bonds for building the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston Railroad are dissolved.

In the spring of 1868, Phineas Adams, a resident of the state of New Hampshire, had

filed suit in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Kansas to enjoin Douglas County from issuing \$300,000 in bonds to the Leavenworth, Lawrence, and Galveston Railroad. The bonds were to be used by the company to build that portion of the railway that would be in Douglas County. Mr. Adams also filed a separate suit to enjoin the county from collecting taxes to liquidate a coupon on a \$300,000 bond already issued. Similar suits had been filed in the Kansas state court to restrain the Douglas County Board of Commissioners from issuing the bonds and thus subscribing to the capital stock of the company. Mr. Adams was extending that effort to the federal courts. Judge Delahay of the United States Circuit Court, District of Kansas, heard the arguments. Among other things, he found that Mr. Adams did not pay taxes in Kansas sufficient to enable the court to have jurisdiction and grant him redress. He wrote that this would be enough to dispose of the case, but went on to find that even though Mr. Adams may have been a non-resident taxpayer of Douglas County, his status as taxpayer did not make him a legal voter of the county and so was not entitled to judicial redress from the results of the county election on September 12, 1865, in which a large majority of voters approved the issuing of \$300,000 in bonds to the railroad company. Judge Delahay went on to dissolve the injunctions, with costs.

From: Adams v. Douglas County; Adams v. Beach - Case No. 52 - Circuit Court, District of Kansas - May 1868 Term (1 F. Cas. 106; 1868 U.S. App. LEXIS 1224; 1 Kan. 627; McCahon 235).

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.

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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