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Meeting and Event Announcements

In the future, the Solo Firm Group will combine their meetings with the Defense Bar meetings that are held at noon on the second Friday of the month. This month the meeting will be on the 9th.

Legal Essay Contest Winners

The winners in the first annual Douglas County Legal Essay Contest and their scholarship awards are:

First Place - Marianne Schroer - \$1,100.

Second Place - Sarah Eberhart - \$850.

Third Place - Jodie Beuthien - \$500.

All three winners are seniors at Baldwin High School.

Ms. Schroer will have her name inscribed on a new plaque that will be hung in the Law Library. First place winners of future legal essay contests will also have their names inscribed on the plaque. In addition, a copy of first place winning essays will be kept in the Library

The legal essay contest was co-sponsored by the Law Library and the Douglas County Bar Association, and was open to high school seniors in the county who planned to advance their formal education after graduation. Plans are for the essay contest to be an annual event.

New Periodical in Library

In last month's E-Newsletter, the Law Librarian requested assistance in determining whether the Library should subscribe to the *Search and Seizure Bulletin*, published monthly by Thomson/West. Significant positive feedback was received, so the Library has begun a subscription. Issues should begin arriving soon. The most current issue will be on the new periodicals rack at the rear of the alcove in the Library.

***Sergeant Rutledge* to be Screened on May 16th**



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, May 16, 2008, with a screening of *Sergeant Rutledge*, a powerful film about justice and racial prejudice in the United States Cavalry.

The film stars Woody Strode, a fine actor who was usually relegated to playing supporting roles because of his race. Strode plays the title character, a Buffalo Soldier charged with rape and the murder of his commanding officer and the officer's daughter.

Directed by John Huston, *Sergeant Rutledge* is set in 1880's Arizona Territory and was released in 1960. The story is told through a series of flashbacks during the Sergeant's court-marshal proceedings.

Strode's other film appearances include *The Ten Commandments*, *The Buccaneer*, *Pork Chop Hill*, and *Spartacus*, in which he played the black gladiator who befriended Spartacus (Kirk Douglas) and whose death inspired Spartacus to revolt against the Romans.

The program will include an appearance by local attorney Shelley Bock, who will give commentary on the film and on how the film portrays the military 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 *Kramer vs. Kramer*, scheduled for screening on August 15, 2008.

Amicus/FullCourt Printer

A printer has been purchased and installed on the Amicus/FullCourt terminal in the Law Library. Because the terminal could not be connected to the Law Library's network, there has been no printing capability from it in the past. With the purchase of the new printer, attorney schedules and other material may now be printed from the two databases.

USB Extension Cable Added to Workstations

Those attorneys who have been getting their daily exercise by standing on their heads trying to plug flash drives into the poorly designed USB port on the Library's workstations will now have to find some other sport. A USB extension cable has been added to each of the Library's three desktop workstations. Flash drives may now be plugged into an extension cable plug tied to a leg of each workstation monitor.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The May exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are photographs by John W. King.

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 Mr. King is available in the Library.

The June 2008 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be photographs by Don Stevanov. 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. 12:6, v. 12:7 (Apr., May. 2008).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.285:3/38:5 (Mar. 2008).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 27:2 (Apr. 2008).

Guardian, v. 30:1 (Winter 2008).

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 14:2 (Apr./May 2008).

Kansas Sentencing Commission. Annual Report, FY 2007.

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.

April's entry was:

- The legal essay contest for Douglas County high school seniors that the Law Library and the Douglas County Bar Association co-sponsored this spring will be an annual event.

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.

May 21, 1856 - Sheriff Jones gives Lawrence a hot time.

On May 21, 1856, Sheriff Sam Jones led a large pro-slavery posse against Lawrence, Kansas, the center of Free State activity in Kansas Territory. Sheriff Jones claimed to have a warrant issued by Judge Lecompte of the United States District Court in Kansas. The warrant was said to be intended to stop the supposed insurrectionist activities of the Free State men in the town, which Jones said were centered in the Free State Hotel, home of the New England Immigrant Aid Company. To enforce the supposed warrant, Jones and the posse proceeded to attack the hotel. Despite receiving no resistance to

their attack, the pro-slavery men burned it to the ground. It was later determined that no such warrant had ever been issued. The posse also attacked the two Free-State newspapers in town, the *Herald of Freedom* and the *Kansas Free State*, destroying their presses and throwing their type into the Kaw River. They justified the destruction of the two newspapers by citing the "gag law" enacted the previous year by the pro-slavery "Bogus" Kansas territorial legislature, which, despite the freedom of the press guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution, made it a crime to print or in any other way assert that people did not have a right to hold slaves in Kansas Territory. The sack of Lawrence was one more step in the increasing violence of the Bleeding Kansas era, and led to the so-called "Pottawatomie Massacre," on May 24, which then led to the Battle of Black Jack on June 2. Early the next year, Jones resigned as sheriff, reportedly because his request to use balls and chains to restrain incarcerated Free-State men was denied by then Kansas Territorial Governor John Geary. Jones then left the territory and settled in New Mexico.

From: http://www.kancoll.org/khq/1953/53_8_malin.htm;
http://www.territorialkansasonline.org/cgiwrap/imlskto/index.php?SCREEN=border&topic_id=69&search=Sack%20of%20Lawrence%20May%201856; and
http://www.territorialkansasonline.org/cgiwrap/imlskto/index.php?SCREEN=bio_sketches/jones_sheriff.

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.

Law Clerk Positions Available:

Law clerks needed to assist attorney in every aspect of bankruptcy law, FDCPA, FCRA, and TILA practice. Must have a JD or equivalent, sufficient knowledge of bankruptcy law. Mail resumes and transcript to: Cloon Legal Services, PO Box 969, Baldwin City, KS, 66006. EOE.

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