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Meeting and Event Announcements

Solo Firm Group Lunch. The next Solo Firm Group meeting will be held on Friday, November 17th 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 every third Friday of the month.

On-Line Access to Kansas Judicial Council Publications

All Kansas attorneys registered as active under Supreme Court Rule 208 have free online access to three Kansas Judicial Council publications. They are *Pattern Instructions for Kansas Criminal 3d*, *Kansas Judicial Council Probate Forms 2d*, and the *Kansas Municipal Court Manual*. The three are available through the Judicial Council website in PDF, RTF, and WordPerfect formats.

If you are an active Kansas attorney and you have not used the on-line access before, you must perform a one-time registration through the login page on the Kansas Judicial Council website located at <http://www.ksjudicialcouncil.org> before the publications can be retrieved. To access the registration page, you must submit their on-line form with: 1. A username comprised of your last name followed by a period and your Supreme Court Registration number, and: 2. A password consisting of the year you were admitted to the bar.

After the on-line form is submitted, an on-line registration page will appear. You should fill in the required information and submit it.

A username and password will be sent to you by e-mail from the Council. You should use the new username and password every time you want to access the Council's on-line publications through the login page at <http://www.ksjudicialcouncil.org>.

To make it more convenient for attorneys using the Law Library, a shortcut to the Kansas Judicial Council's login page has been added to the desktop of each of the Library's workstations.



Look for this icon labeled "Kansas Judicial Council Login" the next time you need to access the Council's publications on-line in the Library.

Electronic Access to Selected KBA Handbooks Added

In addition to print versions of the two titles, electronic access to the *Kansas Criminal Law Handbook, 4th* and the *Kansas Title Standards Handbook, 7th* has recently been made available in the Library. The two titles are now accessible through an icon on the desktop of Workstation 2.



To access the handbooks, look for this icon labeled "KBA Handbooks" on Workstation 2's desktop. When the icon is clicked, a window will appear that requires you to select "Proceed" to continue. After that has been done, a title selection window appears. Pick the title you want to open from the pull-down menu next to the work "Library" at the top of the window. Click "Help" if necessary.

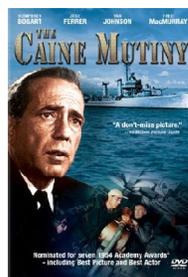
Drunk Driving Defense Forms Added

The forms from *Drunk Driving Defense, 6th ed.*, by Lawrence E. Taylor, and Steven Oberman have been added to the legal forms available in electronic format in the Library.



They are now accessible through the same "Legal Forms" icon on Workstation 2's desktop that was featured in last month's Newsletter.

The Caine Mutiny to be Screened on November 17th



The Law Library's "Reels of Justice Film Series" continues at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 17, 2006, with a screening of *The Caine Mutiny*, starring Humphrey Bogart, Jose Ferrer, Van Johnson, and Fred MacMurray. The film was nominated for seven Academy Awards in 1955, and received an Oscar for best Music Score of a Dramatic or Comedy Picture.

In *The Caine Mutiny*, when the captain of a US Navy destroyer/minesweeper in World War II shows signs of mental instability that jeopardizes the ship, the first officer relieves him of command and then faces court martial for mutiny. The film was adapted from the best-selling novel written by Herman Wouk.

In addition to the film, the program will include an appearance by local attorney John Bodle, who will provide commentary on the film's portrayal of the military justice system utilizing his experience serving as a Judge Advocate General for the United States Air Force.

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 *To Kill a Mockingbird*, scheduled for screening on February 23, 2007.

Reminder About Free Research Help

This is to remind you that there is an individual who has offered to perform Internet and other research for local attorneys on a voluntary basis, free of charge. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact the Library.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The November exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are Quilts by Linda Frost.

The exhibits will run through the end of November. All of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Ms. Frost is available in the Library and through a link to his website from the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website.

The December 2006 exhibitions will feature photography by Kay Trieb. More information on the exhibits will be in the December 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:

2006 Missouri Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference Course Materials, v. 1-v. 3.

Advanced sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.281:4/35:4 (July 2006).

Juvenile and Family Court Journal, v. 57:3 (Summer 2006).

Kansas Code of Civil Procedure Annotated, 4th, 2003, [v. 1-v. 3], 2006 Pocket Parts.

Kansas Construction Law, Second Edition, 2006, edited by Harold A. Houck and Kevin J. Breer.

Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, Federal, 2007.

Kansas Court Rules and Procedure, State, 2007.

Kansas Court Rules for Judicial Districts, Local, 2007.

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.

October's entries were:

- Copies of the *Kansas Atlas & Gazetteer* and the *Rand McNally Road Atlas 2006, Large Scale* are available for use in the Law Library.
- For Library users who do not have a pre-paid printing/copying account, self-service photocopies can be made in the Law Library by utilizing the coin-operated vending device adjacent to the printer/copier.

This Month In Legal History

The Newsletter premiered a new feature last month that will include in each month's Newsletter an event from the history of law and jurisprudence of Douglas County that occurred during the month. Entries will also be posted on the Law Library's website.

Because local legal history is not a particular strength of the Editor, he is requesting readers to submit material for publication in future issues. It can be on any subject and can be from any time period, the only constraint being that the material has some bearing on the legal history of Douglas County.

This month's entry:

November 3, 1970 - Yippie wins election for Justice of the Peace in Douglas County.

In the November election, Phil Hill, local Youth International Party (Yippie) and Lawrence Liberation Front (LLF) member, won the election for Justice of the Peace in Douglas County. Hill, a self-proclaimed "Weirdo," ran unopposed in the election and received nearly 6,500 votes. The surprise win gained national media attention. After the election, local officials requested lame duck Kansas Attorney General Kent Frizzell

for an opinion on the matter. Before Hill could be sworn in, Attorney General Frizzell issued an opinion that the office of Justice of the Peace had been abolished by the Kansas Legislature in 1968. There were numerous objections to this finding from Hill's supporters, citing that a prior ruling had found it would take a constitutional amendment to abolish the office, but the opinion stood and Hill was not allowed to take office.

Excerpted from: <http://www.larryville.com/articles/1970.htm>

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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