

# Douglas County Law Library E-Mail Newsletter



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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 13th.

### Law Library on Facebook

Don't forget that the Law Library is on Facebook. If you are not on Facebook yourself, why not check out the Library's page by clicking [here](#), or doing an Internet search for "Douglas County Law Library Facebook"? If you are already on Facebook, consider becoming a fan of the Library. It's easy and

painless. Then let us know what you think of the page and how we can improve it.

### Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The November exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are artwork by Robbin Loomas.

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

The December 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be artwork by Susan Sinclair Shields. More information on the exhibit 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

the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

### **New Acquisitions**

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

AALL Directory and Handbook, 2009/2010.

AALL Spectrum, v.14:1 (Sept./Oct. 2009).

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.289:1/v.42:1 (Sept. 2009).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 28:8 (Oct. 2009).

Courtroom Criminal Evidence, 4<sup>th</sup>, v. 1 and v. 2, 2009 Supplements.

Kansas Bankruptcy Handbook, 3rd ed., Hon. Robert E. Nugent, Linda S. Parks, Rachel E. Avey, and William H. Zimmerman, editors.

Search and Seizure: a Treatise on the Fourth Amendment, 4th ed., v. 1 - v. 6, 2009/2010 Pocket Parts.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 46:10 (Oct. 2009).

### **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.

October's entry was:

- It is a violation of Library policy for a Law Library key to be used by anyone

except for the person to whom the key was issued.

### **This Month In Legal History**

November 11, 1859 - A stabbing in the Kaw Bottoms.

The November 19, 1859, edition of the *Herald of Freedom* newspaper, published in Lawrence, Kansas Territory, reported an incident first reported in the *Lecompton Democrat*. Earlier in the month, on November 11, a man named Joseph Myers had allegedly stabbed another man named C.C. Rice in the region of the heart. The victim died about two hours after the assault. The attack was reported to have been over a land claim dispute and had occurred in the Kaw Bottoms, the name given to the floodplain along the Kansas River, which is also known as the Kaw. Although much of the violence in the area during the five years since the Territory had been opened up for settlement was the result of contention over whether Kansas would enter the Union as a free state or a slave state, it was not unknown for disagreements over property ownership to result in bloodshed. After his alleged assault on Rice, Myers was reported to have made good his escape. Most of the rest of that edition of the *Herald of Freedom* was taken up with discussion of the abolitionist John Brown and his anti-slavery activities. At the time the issue was published, Brown was in jail in Charlestown, Virginia, awaiting his execution on December 2, in the aftermath of the trial for his raid the previous month on the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry. A significant portion of the paper was dedicated to articles discussing the raid, some of the men who also had participated in it, such as John Henry Kagi, Brown's second in command, and on Brown's allies and activities while he was in Kansas. In addition, there was a feature purporting to tell the true story of the Pottawatomie Massacre, which

had occurred in May 1856, and which John Brown was suspected of having led.

From: Herald of Freedom, v. 5, no. 18 (November 19, 1859), [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 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto: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.

No Ads this Month.

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