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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 10th.

Forms Book Compiled

A book of local forms has been compiled and added to the Law Library's holdings. The forms were printed from the Court Clerk's area on the Douglas County, Kansas website, where they are also available on-line. The forms were printed and added to

the Library's collection as a service to Library users.

Spotlight on Library Resources

A new feature for the E-Mail Newsletter is premiering this month. From time to time, a resource available in the Library that most of our users may not be familiar with will be highlighted here. The intent is for users to become aware of unfamiliar resources in the Library and so be able to benefit from using them.

The resource in the spotlight this month is *The Internet Guide for the Legal Researcher Newsletter*. Written by Ken Kozlowski, the newsletter is intended to bring information on current, reliable, and useful news and trends on the web to the attention of its readers. The bimonthly newsletter informs readers of new websites for legal researchers, along with reviews of handy gadgets and tools.

This past year, the newsletter's articles included a review of the usefulness of Google's new *Chrome* web browser, advice on making large purchases on-line, suggestions on how to use the Internet to cut expenses, methods for gathering competitive

intelligence, and many other suggestions and resources.

A printed copy of the current newsletter is available on the new periodicals shelf along the back wall of the Library alcove. Back printed issues are in a binder in the workstation reference collection under the Library clock. Electronic versions of current and past issues are available on the desktops of the five public workstations in the Library.

Try giving it a look the next time you are in the Library.

Current Art Gallery Exhibitions

The October exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are paintings by Jo Flager.

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

The November 2008 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be artwork by Todd J. Shelley. More information on the exhibits will be in the November 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:

Advance sheets of the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals, v.286:2/39:3 (July 2008).

Douglas County Legal Essay Contest, First Place Essays.

Internet guide for the legal researcher newsletter, v. 3:5 (Sep./Oct. 2008).

Kansas Code of Civil Procedure Annotated, 4th, 2008-2009 Pocket Parts.

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.

September's entry was:

- The new Library Assistant is working on a project to make a searchable electronic database of local opinions/memorandum decisions available in the Law Library.

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.

October 1883 - A fight over a needle.

The October 3, 1883, issue of the *Lawrence Daily Journal* in Lawrence, Kansas, reported that there had been a fight at the jail. The fight started over a needle that one of the prisoners was using to repair his clothes. The prisoner with the needle had exchanged words, presumably heated, with another prisoner, who had then pulled a small knife from his boot. The ensuing fight resulted in the prisoner with the needle being very badly cut. The authorities were reported as not being completely sure how the knife had escaped prior searches, but were sure that it was because the knife was small and was hidden in the boot. Apparently, they were not concerned that prisoners were allowed to have needles in the jail.

From: Violent Crimes, 1880 to 1885, by Katie Ambler. Unpublished manuscript, 2002.

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 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.

No Ads this Month.

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