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Meeting and Event Announcements

The Defense Bar meets the second Friday of the month. This month the meeting is on the 10th.

The October Douglas County Bar Association Brown Bag CLE program will be on Thursday, October 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center. Jerry Levy will present *Vetting the Expert*. One hour of CLE credit is pending approval.

Handout material can be downloaded from the [DCBA website](#).

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The October/November 2014 Law Library and Division IV art gallery exhibitions are mixed media by Kerry Thonen.

The exhibitions will run through the end of November 2014.

The December 2014/January 2015 exhibitions in the Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are scheduled to be photography by Tony Peterson. More information on these exhibitions will be in the December 2014 E-Mail Newsletter.

For more information on past, current, and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Galleries, please consult the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website.

If you would like to exhibit your art in our galleries, 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.

New Acquisitions

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

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 20:4 (Aug./Sept. 2014).

Kansas Administrative Regulations, 2014 supplement, v. 1 and v. 2.

Kansas Child in Need of Care Bench Cards.

Kansas Court of Appeals Reports. Second Series, v. 44.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 51:9 (Sept. 2014).

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:

There is a paper shredder available for use in the Law Library.

This Month In Legal History

October 23, 1895 - Constable Smith has his boat stolen.

In the early years, local police officers in Eudora, Kansas, were known as constables. They "wore their everyday clothing, carried a nightstick rather than a gun, and oversaw the city's jail beneath the city hall. One of their duties was to capture stray dogs and to

keep captured dogs at his [*sic*] home." In 1895, Eudora's constable was a man named Smith. He was apparently an avid fisherman, which was not surprising since Eudora lay on the south bank of the Kaw, or Kansas, River, and was undoubtedly home to many fishermen. The town is approximately 40 river miles above the confluence of the Kaw and Missouri Rivers at Kansas City. Up and down the river, men fished both for sport and as a commercial activity, selling their catch as a source of income. Smith may have been one of the latter, as he owned a boat and a number of fish traps. Fish traps were placed in the river, usually where there was some current, so that the open end pointed upstream. They were designed so that a fish that swam into the open end of the trap would not be able to get back out again. Fishermen would check their traps daily, remove any fish that had been caught, and put the traps back in the water. At the end of the day, a good fisherman made sure to either take his boat out of the water or tie it securely so that it did not drift off. On October 23, 1895, Smith discovered that his boat and the traps in it were not where he had left them. He realized that his boat had not gotten away by itself. It had been stolen. Smith thought he knew where it would go. He determined that the thief would likely head downstream to Kansas City. It is not known if he had a suspicion of who had stolen his boat and traps, if this kind of thing had happened before, or if he just had a hunch, but for whatever reason, Smith traveled to Kansas City, Kansas, later that day to await the arrival of his boat. He was not disappointed, as the next day, October 24th, Smith's boat, along with his traps and the man who had stolen it, floated into Kansas City. The man was arrested, possibly by the Kansas City police, as Smith may not have had jurisdiction to do so himself, and was put in the James Street Jail in that city. He spent the night there, and in the morning, he was turned over to Smith, who brought him

back to Eudora, presumably putting him in the jail below city hall. The identity of the thief and what happened to him after being returned to Eudora has not been found, but whatever happened, he likely learned his lesson about not stealing the boat of a man so determined and resourceful as was the Eudora Constable.

[City Basics: Eudora 101](#), Where the Wakarusa Meets the Kaw website; and, Kansas City Daily Gazette, v. 10, no. 177 (October 25, 1895), p. 1.

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 Michael J. Malone 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, or comments and suggestions on the Law Library itself, please let us know. For your convenience, there is a link to a [feedback form](#) available on most pages of the Law Library's website. 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.

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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: Michael J. Malone Douglas County Law Library, Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11th Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Law Library's telephone number is: 785-838-2477. The Library's e-mail address is: info@douglascolawlibrary.org.

Back Issues

Back issues of the Newsletter are [archived](#) on the Library's website.

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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