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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 11th.

Scanning is Free in the Library

As reported in last month's Newsletter, documents can now be scanned utilizing the Library's printer/copier. This is a free ser-

vice, available without charge to everyone who has access to the Library.

Scanned documents are sent as PDFs from the machine to a file on the Library's network. PDFs of scanned documents can be accessed on any of the five user workstations on the Library's network.

PDFs can be downloaded from the workstations onto a user's flash drive or e-mailed utilizing a user's web-based e-mail account.

In addition, documents can be converted to rich text PDFs utilizing Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro that is loaded on all five user workstations. When last month's Newsletter was published, Acrobat 9 was only on Workstation 2, but it has since been loaded on all of the user workstations.

Instruction on how to operate the scanning function on the printer/copier/scanner can be found in the document titled *Instructions for Using the Copier, Releasing Print Jobs, and Scanning* that is located on the table to the left of the machine. Instructions on viewing and retrieving PDFs can be found in the document titled *Instructions for Printing and Scanning*, copies of which are available

next to the three desktop workstations in the Library.

New Court Records Web Page

The Douglas County District Court's website now has a web page designed to assist in making records requests on-line and off-line. The page includes links to PDFs titled *Court Records Information*, *Records Request: Fillable Online*, and *Records Request: Download/Print*.

The *Records Request: Fillable Online* form can be filled in on-line and submitted to records staff directly from the PDF. The *Records Request: Download/Print* form can be downloaded and filled in before printing.

To access the Court Records page, go to http://www.douglas-county.com/district_court/dc_courtrecords.aspx.

Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court

The following is an open letter to the local bar from the Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court.

Dear Members of the Bar:

As former President of the American Inns of Court, I again wish to extend my warm invitation to you to join my local Inn, the Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court.

The Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court demonstrates the highest ideals of the American Inns of Court – mentoring and education of the bar. We have had exciting programs during the past years dealing with copyrights for popular songs, healthcare fraud, electronically stored data, selection of judges, the portrayal of lawyers in the movies, and DNA for Dummies. Each of these programs has provoked further discussion among Inn members. I want you to be part of the dia-

logue, because the practice of law is changing. The Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court is an excellent forum for this ongoing discussion among practitioners, judges, students, and professors.

Our monthly meetings begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and then the presentation. We try to conclude the meetings by 8:00 p.m., although sometimes the individual discussions provoked by the subjects continue well past that time. Our meetings are held at the Lawrence Country Club at 400 Country Club Terrace, Lawrence, KS. The dates for this year's meetings will be Thursday, September 24, 2009; Thursday, October 29, 2009; Wednesday, November 18, 2009; Thursday, January 28, 2010; Thursday, February 25, 2010; Wednesday, March 24, 2010; and Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Our first meeting will focus on ethics, and will be accredited by the Kansas CLE Commission. I expect a lively discussion.

Inn dues are set by your years of experience. Associate (1-5 years) dues are \$185.00; Barrister (6-9 years) dues are \$205.00, and Masters (10+ years) dues are \$235.00. For six hours of CLE, dinner with colleagues of the bar, and your participation, once you try Inn membership, you won't want to be without it. There are also a limited number of spots in the Inn (with financial assistance) available for local law students. Interested law students should contact Professor Mike Kautch, our law school liaison.

Please send dues along with the enclosed Membership Form. If you have questions, contact Joan Hawkins, Membership Chair, at (785) 843-1009 or legalsolutions@sunflower.com.

I look forward to seeing you September 24th.

Sincerely,
Judge Deanell Reece Tacha

Spotlight on Library Resources

The resource in the spotlight this month is *The Complete Manual of Criminal Forms*, published by West. It is an electronic resource loaded onto Workstation 2 in the Library.

According to the product description on the West website, the manual contains over 1,000 federal and state forms and has "every form needed from the time clients enter the office, through final appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court."

To use the manual, go to the desktop of Workstation 2 and double-click the "Legal Forms" icon. A window will open with several Word documents displayed. Double-click on the one titled "Complete Manual of Criminal Forms." Follow the instructions in the document for opening the table of contents and accessing the forms.

Spotlight on Library Resources is an occasional feature intended to make readers aware of a resource available in the Library with which most may not be familiar.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The September exhibits in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery and the Division IV Art Gallery are photography by Kay Trieb.

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

The October 2009 Law Library and Division IV exhibitions will be photography by Bill Bowerman. More information on the exhibit will be in the October 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.

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.288:3/v.41:3 (July 2009).

Child Law Practice: Helping Lawyers Help Kids, v. 28:6 (Aug. 2009).

Complete Manual of Criminal Forms, 3d, 2009 CD-ROM ed.

Criminal Investigation Handbook, Release no. 19, 2009.

How to do Everything: Adobe Acrobat 9, by Doug Sahin.

Juvenile Justice Update, v. 15:4 (Aug./Sep. 2009).

Kansas Court of Appeals Reports. Second Series, v.36.

Law Library Journal, v. 101:3 (Summer 2009).

Philadelphia, DVD.

Search and Seizure Bulletin, v. 46:8 (August 2009).

Session Laws of Kansas, 2009:1 and 2009:2.

West's Kansas Legislative Service, 2009:3.

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.

August's entry was:

- Scanning is now available through the Law Library's printer/copier.

This Month In Legal History

September 15, 1856 - Taylor Stephens' liquor is stolen by General Reid's men.

In the second week of September, 1856, several thousand men under the command of John W. Reid, a veteran of the Mexican War and member of the Missouri state legislature, camped along the Wakarusa River about a mile and a half from the town of Franklin, Douglas County, Kansas Territory. "General" Reid and several hundred men had sacked and burned Osawatomie, a Free-State town supporting Kansas being admitted to the Union as a state that did not allow slavery, on August 30th. Now, this much larger force, comprised of Missourians who supported Kansas being admitted to the Union as slave state, claimed that they were the Kansas territorial militia under orders of the territorial governor. They were in the field to attack Lawrence, Kansas, headquarters of the Free-State movement. Lawrence

was about four miles northwest of Franklin. On September 15, 1856, several hundred of Reid's men marched into Franklin and occupied the town. They raided several businesses and burned a house and a sawmill. One of the businesses they visited was that of Taylor Stephens. They "...forcibly entered the store and drank and carried away and destroyed a large quantity of liquors and other articles of great value...." John Geary, the newly appointed territorial governor, arrived on the scene that same day and informed Reid that he was revoking any orders the previous governor had given to attack Lawrence. Reid and his men were to withdraw from the area and leave the town in peace. After some negotiations, Reid complied, and the armed force withdrew on the 16th, the men taking with them whatever they had acquired in Franklin. Franklin was a pro-slavery settlement, and had already been attacked twice that year by Free-State militias, once in June and again in August, so to be raided by men who were supposedly on their side of the slavery issue must have left the citizens of the town feeling not a little dispirited. On November 20, 1857, H. G. Tolle, Justice of the Peace in Douglas County, Kansas Territory, took sworn and signed testimony from Stephens as part of Stephens' official claim for reimbursement for losses to Reid's men totaling \$1,275.62. Tolle also took testimony from two witnesses in support of Stephens' claim. Stephens' claim was included as part of an investigation being conducted by Hiram J. Strickler, adjutant general of the territory. Strickler had begun investigating and auditing claims by citizens for losses resulting from violence in the territory. He intended to submit the claims to the territorial government for reimbursement, but realized that it had no money to pay the claims. He then complied and submitted a report to the federal government, whose policies and legislation he blamed for instigating political conflict in the territory. Many of the claims

were eventually approved for payment, but no funds were ever appropriated or distributed. Stephens apparently never received compensation for his losses.

From: *Claims of the citizens of the territory of Kansas: Report of H.J. Strickler, commissioner to audit, under the laws of the territorial legislature of Kansas, the claims of the citizens of that territory for losses sustained in carrying into effect the laws of the territory, or growing out of any difficulties in the territory.* by H.J. Strickler, [Washington]: House of Representatives, 1859, pp. 287-289 - On the Territorial Kansas Online website; [John William Reid](#), on Wikipedia.org; [H.J. Strickler](#), on KansasBogusLegislature.org; and [Chapter 24](#) in *Geary and Kansas: Governor Geary's administration in Kansas: with a complete history of the territory until June 1857: embracing a full account of its discovery, ...: all fully authenticated*, by John H. Gihon, Charles C. Rhodes, Philadelphia, 1857. Produced by Connie Snyder for the Kansas Collection website.

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 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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