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## CALENDAR

<b>Mar.</b> 4-15 12 Tues. 23 Sat.	<b>District Court Jury Session</b> <b>Medical/Legal Dinner</b> — Speaker <b>Governor Bob Kerrey</b> Cocktails 5:30/Dinner 6:45 — Holiday Inn, Central Creighton University School of Law presents annual <b>Update on Commercial Law</b> — 8:30 a.m.
<b>Apr.</b> 1 1-12 18-20 18 Thurs. 20-May 10	<b>Reassignment of all cases on trial list</b> <b>District Court Jury Session</b> <b>NSBA</b> — Mid-Year Meeting — Grand Island <b>Omaha Bar Association Meeting</b> at Anthony's Cocktails 5:30/Dinner 6:30 <b>District Court Jury Session</b>
<b>May</b> 1 Wed 6-17	<b>Law Day</b> — "Liberty and Justice for All" <b>District Court Jury Session</b>

## Field Day Notice

Omaha Bar Association Field Day Committee has announced that plans are underway for the June 3 Field Day to be held at the Omaha Country Club. This year June 3 falls on a Monday so mark your calendars now. In addition to golf and dinner, facilities at the Club will be available for trap shooting, tennis and swimming.

This year an attempt will be made to have a double shot gun start with

starting times in the morning and in the early afternoon.

Another sumptuous menu is being planned by the Omaha Country Club staff.

The OBA Field Day Committee is looking forward to another fun filled and well attended Field Day June 3, 1985 at the Omaha Country Club. Plan to attend and we'll see you there.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## LAW DAY: MAY 1, 1985

### By Lynne Timmerman Fees

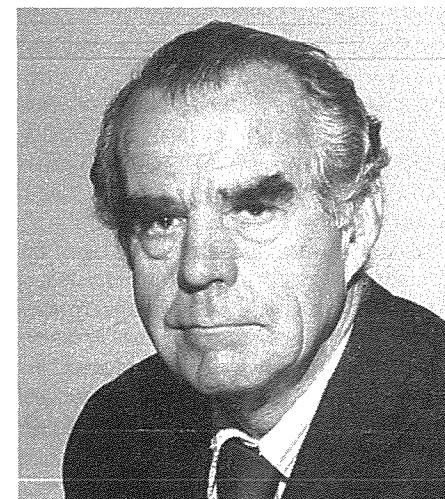
The Law Day activities on May 1 will be highlighted by a luncheon at noon in the Red Lion Ballroom. We will be honored to welcome a very distinguished speaker, **Sir Oliver Wright**, Ambassador to the United States from Great Britain. At the luncheon, which is co-sponsored by the Omaha Rotary Club, Sir Oliver will deliver the keynote address on the subject of international terrorism.

**Sam Jensen**, who is in charge of the luncheon, says that approximately 800 lawyers, law students, and business and community leaders will attend the event. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The program will include a few short addresses by local and state luminaries prior to Sir Wright's speech.

Sir Oliver Wright, GCMG, GCVO, DSC, was born in London in 1921. He was knighted in 1974, and promoted to Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Knight of the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, in 1981. He also holds the Distinguished Service Cross. **Sir Wright** and his wife of 43 years, **Marjory**, have three sons.

Sir Wright graduated from Christ's College in Cambridge in 1939, and was made an Honorary Fellow in 1981. He served in the Royal Navy from 1941 to 1945, and then embarked on a long and successful career in foreign service, beginning as a third secretary in the General Department, in New York and in Bucharest. He was promoted to second secretary and served in Singapore. In 1954, he was transferred to the Information Research Section in Berlin.

Sir Wright became assistant, and then principal private secretary to the Secretary of State in 1960. From 1963 to 1966, he served as private secretary to Prime Ministers **Sir Alec Douglas-**



Sir Oliver Wright

### Home and Mr. Harold Wilson.

The next milestone in his career came when he was made HM Ambassador to Denmark, then HM Government's Representative in Northern Ireland. In 1972, he became the Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Economics); two years later, he became Deputy to the Permanent Under-Secretary. Between 1975 and 1981, he served as HM Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1981, Sir Wright officially retired. He remained very active, however, as a member of the boards of several corporations. He served on the Steering Committee of the Anglo-German Knigswinter Conference. He even did broadcasting for the BBC German Service. Finally, Sir Wright decided to return to diplomatic service as Ambassador to the United States.

We are all excited to have the opportunity to hear the thoughts of such an experienced gentleman concerning a topic of increasing importance to citizens all over the globe. **Welcome, Sir Wright!**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Committee Chairman **Jon Reid** has scheduled a variety of events in honor of Law Day, all of which will increase public awareness of the law and will enhance OBA's public relations efforts in the community.

April 26

**Mock Trials** will be enacted for Omaha Public High School students in eight of Douglas County's District Courtrooms from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Each trial will portray the same fact situation — a "red light — green light" personal injury accident at 72nd and Dodge Streets. Approximately 450 students are expected to witness young OBA members present the plaintiff's and defendant's cases, with district judges presiding. Students will serve as jurors, and a verdict will be rendered. Subcommittee Chairmen: **Rick Ratz** and **Jim Benak**.

May 1

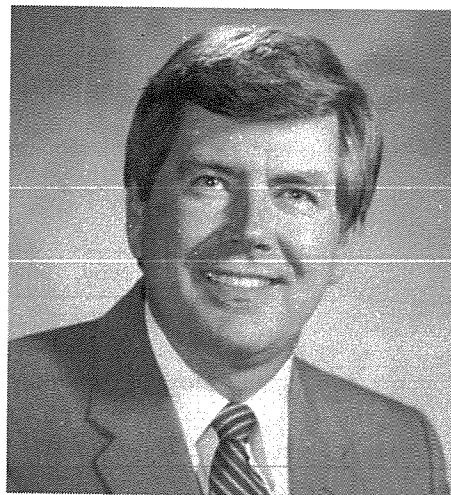
**Lawyers in the Schools** once again finds itself among the Law Day traditional events. Omaha Law Wives will visit elementary schools throughout the O.P.S. District, while OBA members address high school classes outside the O.P.S. system in tailored areas of interest. Participating high schools include:

Ralston  
Millard North  
Millard South  
Creighton Prep  
St. Joseph  
Mercy  
Marian  
Duschene Academy

Subcommittee Chairman: **Steve Johnson**.

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## Message From The President



Charles V. Sederstrom

### Editor's Note:

This year a number of accomplishments have been made by the various Bar Association committees which I believe are worthy of note.

The Long Range Planning Committee, under the direction of **Dave Houghton**, has formulated a written long range plan for the Omaha Bar Association. This plan was developed in cooperation with outside consultants and is an excellent attempt to bring some consistency to the operation of the Bar Association in years to come. It focuses on what the real purpose of the Association is and how we as members can assist the leadership of the Asso-

## OMAHA BAR UNMASKED

Did you ever wonder what that feared negotiator on the telephone looks like in person? Soon you will be able to match faces with names with the publication of the new Omaha Bar Association Pictorial Directory. The Pictorial Directory Committee consisting of **Ron Frank, Keith Frederick, Mardee Korinek, Glenda Pierce and John Siner** has arranged for a photographer and a publisher.

As you all probably are aware of by now **Gordon Deas Photography**, located at 2216 North 91st Plaza (phone 397-4776), is handling the snapshots. The photo session takes no more than ten minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience during the day between Court appearances or in the evening or on weekends on your way to and from the office.

ciation in achieving its stated goals.

During 1985 the female attorneys in the Bar Association have taken on far broader responsibilities and it is my hope, as well as the hope of the Executive Council, that in years to come the Association will not only meet the needs of our female members but provide the opportunity of leadership to them.

Our Law Day Committee, under the leadership of **Jon Reid**, has expanded the activities sponsored by the Bar Association. This year **Sir Oliver Wright**, Great Britain's Ambassador to the United States, will address a special meeting of the Omaha Bar Association at the Red Lion Inn on May 1, 1985. Other functions coordinated by the Law Day Committee will underscore the foundations upon which Law Day is built: that we are governed by the rule of law, not the law of man.

This past year a great number of individuals in the Bar Association have been responsible for the accomplishments we have made. It is difficult to single out any individual or group of individuals for praise. However, I would like to commend and thank **Mardee Korinek** for the splendid work she has done over the past several years in her role as Executive Secretary of the Omaha Bar Association. Without her efforts, dedication and loyalty, our Association would not be as successful as it is today.

The cost for these yearbooks is \$12.50 and they must be ordered by May 31, 1985. The last directory was published in 1980. Since then more attorneys have been made partners while the ranks of the Omaha Bar have been swelled with recent graduates. As you leaf through the pages of the new directory you will be able to spot the partners by their toothy smiles. The associates will be the ones looking over their shoulders.

Taylor Publishing Company should have the directories out in the fall of 1985. Until then, practice that lean-and-hungry-look pose so that when your telephone adversary sees your grim countenance in the new Directory another dispute will be amicably resolved forthwith.

## Field Day Events Planned

The Omaha Bar Association Field Day Committee is busy making preparations for this year's annual Field Day event to be held on **Monday, June 3, 1985**, at the Omaha Country Club (6900 Country Club Road).

**Parker Shipley**, Chairman of the event, says that although a more detailed description of activities will appear in **The Daily Record** in the coming weeks, that all of the major planning for the event has been completed.

This year the Committee will institute a new procedure for golf activities which will feature a double shotgun start, in the early morning hours and in the early afternoon. It was felt that some lawyers could then stay in the office and work a half day and sign up for the afternoon session only. Those who prefer to play in the morning will still be able to do so and have the afternoon free to either shoot trap, play tennis or just lounge at the pool. All of those facilities will be open at the Omaha Country Club. The cost of golf activities will be announced at a later date.

The dinner will feature the famous Omaha Country Club buffet and will begin at 7:00 P.M. A no-host cocktail party will be held at the Club between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.

The 19th hole will be open all day to accommodate card players and those who wish to just take it easy.

The swimming pool will be open in the afternoon. Tennis will be held on the grounds of the Omaha Country Club (weather permitting) at times to be announced by the tennis chairman. Last year a successful mixed doubles was held which will be repeated again. This year trap will also be available at times to be announced.

This year's golf chairman is **Bill Naviaux**; handling tennis will be **Sam Jensen**, and the trap shooting will be handled by **Jim Stumpf**.

Again this year we will feature the best and worst swimsuit for men and the best swimsuit for the ladies of the Bar selected by our blue ribbon panel of judges.

Please mark your calendars for June 3, 1985 for this gala event. Since door prizes will probably be selected during the cocktail hour, please plan to be there between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.

SEE YOU THERE!

## Attorney's Basketball League

By Sidd Finch

A new face surfaced as champion, some perennial powers came oh-so-close, the "other" league changed both venue and hearing dates, a new scoring champion was crowned, and Mendy Rudoff's reputation as the greatest referee in basketball was threatened. Film at 11.

The annual attorneys basketball league, organized aptly by **Tom Dahlk** again for the fifth season, completed its regular season and tournament two days ahead of the "other" games in Lexington, and all (well- almost all) of the participants felt that it was a success. At least the Chazz (Kutak, Rock's entry), felt that it was. They nudged out Swarr May and the Bozo's (from Young and White), for the regular season title and then went on to win the post season tournament, nipping Swarr May in the finals by one point. Just ask Dahlk, he had the best seat in the house for the game.

In other developments, Erickson Sederstrom took honors for the most improved squad by winning Wednesday league played at Brownell Talbot, and

losing only two games the entire season. **Sam Jensen** tied for leading scorer in the tournament loss to Fitzgerald Brown.

Official record show that **Steve Lefler** led in scoring in the Beveridge League, averaging 26 points a game on 50 shots. In the Brownell league, **Dave Ernst** of Nelson Harding took the scoring trophy. However, unofficial records indicated that the most points were scored by **Doug Semisch**, who played for Nelson Harding and Baird Holm.

**Denny Martin**, captain of the team boasting the highest average (pushing 45), summed up the purpose of the league when he expressed satisfaction at finishing in the usual spot, and looked forward to the draft, when he would once again receive first choice, as determined by the order of finish.

Where does Mendy Rudoff fit in? Suffice it to say that these two leagues are fortunate to have **any** referees show up for an athletic contest in which the debates over the aspects, position, impact and technique of each call last longer than the allotted playing time. Perhaps less is better.

### Regular Season Results

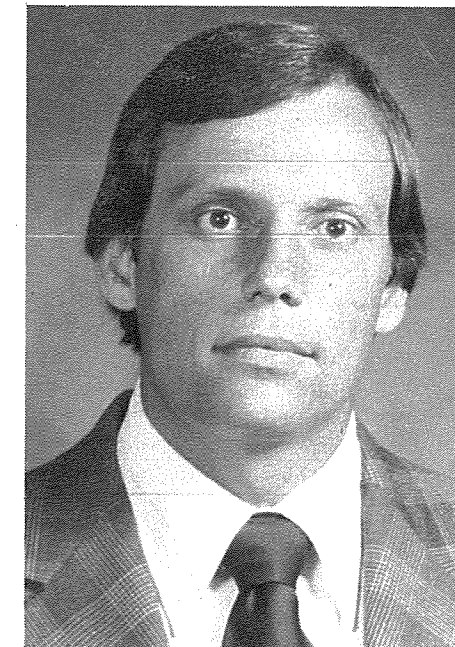
Beveridge	Record	Brownell	
1 Chazz	10- 2	1 Erickson, Sederstrom	11- 1
2 Swarr, May	9- 3	2 Nelson & Harding	10- 2
2 Bozo's	9- 3	3 McGill, Koley	9- 3
4 Fitzgerald, Brown	6- 6	4 Fraser, Stryker	5- 7
5 Hipshots	4- 8	5 McGrath, North	3- 9
7 Baird, Holm	2-10	6 Boland, Mullin	2-10
7 Martin & Martin	2-10	6 Sodoro, Daly	2-10

### Tournament Results

<b>First Round:</b>		Fitzgerald, Brown	2
Hipshots	65	Erickson, Sederstrom	0
Fraser, Stryker	42	(Three technicals and forfeit)	
McGill, Koley	54	Chazz	49
Baird, Holm	44	Hipshots	40
Fitzgerald, Brown	61	Nelson & Harding	58
McGrath, North	56	Bozo's	52
Chazz	76	<b>Semifinals:</b>	
Sodoro, Daly	34	Swarr, May	51
Bozo's	47	Nelson & Harding	47
Boland, Mullin	41	Chazz	70
<b>Second Round:</b>		Fitzgerald, Brown	56
Swarr, May	51	<b>Finals:</b>	
McGill, Koley	34	Chazz	56
		Swarr, May	55

## LAW DAY

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Jon S. Reid once again will head up the Law Day activities.

May 1

**Meet a Lawyer** will be the object of many from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., as OBA members answer general legal questions for shoppers and employees of major Omaha businesses. Lawyers will be available at these locations:

- Brandeis Building
- Park Fair Shopping Center
- Central Park Mall
- Crossroads
- Southroads
- Westroads
- WOW Building, John Galt Boulevard
- Bergan Mercy Hospital
- Union Pacific
- World Insurance Building, 18th & Douglas
- Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.
- InterNorth
- Vickers
- UNO Student Union

Subcommittee Chairmen: **Gerry Clanton, Marilyn Anderson, Barbara Zandbergan.**

Public service announcements will be provided by Subcommittee Chairman **Ken Weiner** for broadcast by local radio and television stations. As this publication is printed, efforts continue for the organization and broadcast of a panel discussion program. Check local listings.

## Country Docket No April Fool's Joke

By Pat Boylan

**The thing that hath been; it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.** Ecclesiastes 1:9

The District Court Judges were not fooling; the Country Docket system went into effect April 1, 1985. The Country Docket has been used in Douglas County for several years with domestic relation cases. All the divorce petitions have been divided up equally between the twelve District Court Judges as they were filed. This new system probably got its name from the fact that District Judges out in "the country" in counties other than Douglas and Lancaster have always handled law, equity, criminal and domestic relations cases. The reason for this is that many of the judicial districts in the outlying counties only had one District Judge who, consequently, hears everything that is filed in his district.

The Honorable **Robert V. Burkhard**, Presiding Judge, and **Darwin Severson**, the Court Administrator, indicated that the District Judges of this district have decided to give the Country Docket a try. From now on each judge will be assigned one-twelfth of all law, equity, criminal and domestic relations cases that are filed in Douglas County. There will no longer be any annual reassignment of cases as in the past. From now on each case will stay with the District Judge it is originally assigned to. If the new system works out well it will be kept. If there are any problems, attempts will be made to modify the Country Docket.

Under the Country Docket since all judges will be handling jury trials, the old two week jury panel of the past has

### Mullen Appointed District Judge

**J. Patrick Mullen**, former associate Juvenile Court Judge, has been appointed to the District Court Bench. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge **Samuel Caniglia**, who has agreed to serve as a Juvenile court judge until Mullen's seat can be filled.

Mullen graduated from Creighton Law School in 1969, has served ten years in the Juvenile Court, the first year and a half as a referee and the remainder as Judge. He also served two years as a deputy public defender

been modified. For example, on April 29, there will be a one week jury panel for six judges to try cases. On May 6, there will be a separate one week jury panel for the other six judges to try cases. A separate jury panel will be brought in for each group of six judges. Each group of jurors will be notified that they could serve up to two weeks. Each judge will probably try two cases per each one week jury panel.

In the past, five District Judges tried law cases and four District Judges tried criminal cases during each two week panel. With the new Country Docket twelve judges will be trying cases. Criminal cases will be tried first and jurors will be excused from the separate one week panels if it looks like a case will take up the entire week.

In addition to the Country Docket the Court Administrator's office will be sending out new case progression letters. The former case progression letter notified a party to either certify a case for trial or obtain an order excusing the filing of a certificate or a show cause hearing why the case should not be dismissed. would be scheduled. This had to be done within 20 days of the date indicated on the letter. Under the new system a party will be given 30 days to either certify a case as ready for trial or obtain an order excusing the filing of a certificate or the case will automatically be dismissed.

Matters that have been taken under advisement in a case prior to the reassignments which went into effect on April 1, will remain with the judge who had them under advisement even though the case was reassigned to a new judge. The Court Administrator's office can provide information on reassignment of cases currently on file.

and two years as an Omaha City Prosecutor.

He is married and has two sons, **Matthew**, 13, and **Kyle**, 11, from a previous marriage. He assumes his duties as Judge at the same time that the court is converting to the "country docket", so he expects to see a variety of cases during his first year.

"I'm delighted to be selected," Mullen said. "The field of candidates was so impressive and the job is one of great responsibility."

## Notes from OBA's Executive Secretary:

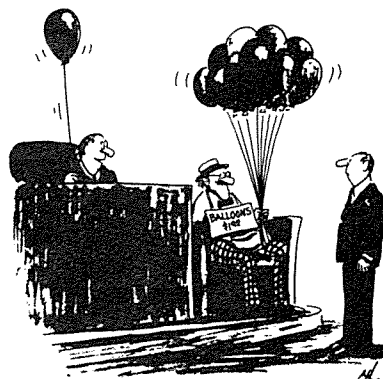
From the page one stories, I'm sure you can tell that your Law Day Committee has been very busy and has put in many extra hours of volunteer time. Extra thanks should go chairman **Jon Reid**, **Sam Jensen** and his committee deserve accolades, too, for handling the activities of **Sir Oliver Wright's** visit to Omaha. All in all, it will be remembered as a great Law Day and a tribute to all attorneys who believe in "liberty and justice for all."

We would like to thank those attorneys who have spoken to organizations through our Speakers Bureau since the last Newsletter. They are: **John Breuning**, **Jeffrey W. Meyers**, **John A. Rickerson**, **Larry R. Forman**, **Steve Gunderson** and **Sam Jensen**. It is always gratifying that attorneys are so willing to do this public service.

As you know, we are in the process of compiling a new pictorial directory and we need **all** of your "smiling faces." However, only those attorneys whose bar dues are paid will be included in the directory. Gordon Deas Photography will still make appointments if you call today . . . 397-4776. **Keith Frederick** is chairman of this special committee which consists of **Ron Frank**, **Glenda Pierce** and **Jon Siner**. P.S. — This is called blackmail . . . if you do not have your picture taken, the Newsletter committee will continue to use those old, old pictures!

Remember Field Day June 3rd . . .  
Mardee

**DEADLINE FOR HAVING PICTURES TAKEN FOR THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS MAY 15th. PLEASE CALL GORDON DEAS STUDIO TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT — 397-4776.**



"Sorry for the interruption, counselor. You may proceed."

## The Peripatetic Praetor

By John W. Wilke

**Judge James Murphy**, age 56, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 22, 1928. He attended Cathedral High School and graduated in 1946. After giving some thought to medical school, he enrolled at Creighton University and in 1952 received a combined Bachelor of Science Degree in both philosophy and political science. Two years later in 1954, he received his J.D. degree from Creighton University School of Law. In 1955 Judge Murphy entered the Army which, according to him, was prompted by both the draft and the ongoing Korean conflict. Following his military years, Judge Murphy spent approximately one year as an associate with the firm of Wear, Boland, Mullin & Walsh. In 1958 he and **John Respeliers** opened an office together in Benson, and for the next three years or so was engaged in private civil practice.

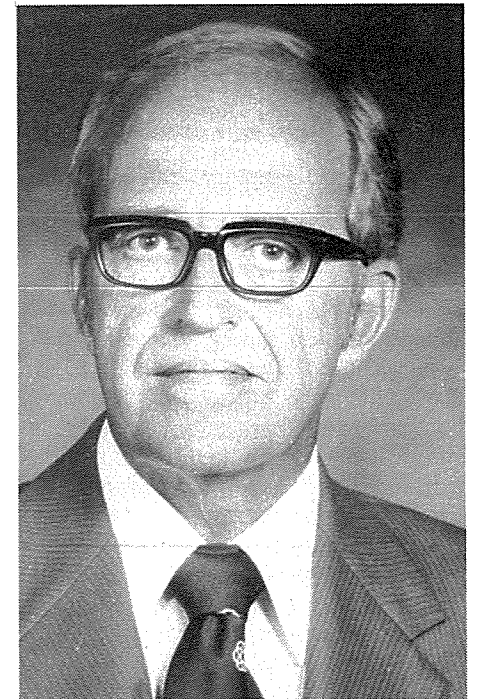
From 1961 to 1968 the Judge was a deputy county attorney for Douglas County starting out under County Attorney **John Hanley** who was in office from 1958 to 1962. The present county attorney, **Donald L. "Pinky" Knowles** took over in 1962. In 1968 Judge Mur-

phy was appointed as a county commissioner and the following year he became the administrative assistant for then mayor **Gene Leahy**.

Following his two years as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, the Judge was back in the county attorney's office from 1971 to 1977 as Chief Deputy. In 1977 then governor **James Exon** appointed him to replace District Court Judge **James O'Brien** who retired. Since becoming a District Court Judge he has been the presiding Judge (1979-80), and is a past president of the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts (1982). He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the A.B.A., the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Omaha Bar Association.

**Judge Murphy** and his wife, **Kathy**, have two children, **Marguerite**, an R.N. at St. Joseph Hospital, and **Matthew** who is employed by Mutual of Omaha. One of the Judge's brothers is a lawyer and another a doctor, and the Judge's father was also a doctor.

Judge Murphy is located in Courtroom Number 6 in the northeast corner of the fifth floor of the Douglas County Courthouse. His present staff consists of



Judge James Murphy

Bailiff **Sally Rivard** and Court Reporter **Gary Luckerl**. You will occasionally see Judge Murphy jogging in the downtown area in or near the courthouse. Other hobbies include bowling and spectator sports.

## JURY VERDICTS

### FOR PLAINTIFF

**833-349 Robert G. Sanderhoff vs. Maddalena, Inc.**

Judge: Samuel Caniglia  
Attorneys: Michael Nelsen and Ronald Krause  
Case: Slip and fall  
Specials: \$12,839.93  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$69,500

**832-513 Dagoberto Lopez vs. Midstates Construction Products**

Judge: Theodore Carlson  
Attorneys: Dennis Green and William Lamson, Joni Kerr  
Case: Job Related fork-life accident  
Specials: \$11,711.75  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$23,000

**830-113 Yano Ross Caniglia vs. Ronald Price**

Judge: Donald Hamilton  
Attorneys: Martin Cannon and William Dunn  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$60,000  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$350,000

**826-721 Oak Creek Ranch vs. Clayton Shroud**

Judge: Samuel Caniglia  
Attorneys: David Domina and Clayton Shroud  
Case: Fraudulent misrepresentation  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$1,500,000

**786-337 Charlyne Weiss vs. Autumn Hill Investment Co.**

Judge: James Buckley  
Attorneys: Robert Roach and Milton Katskee  
Case: Slip and fall  
Specials: \$28,000  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$231,000

**838-454 Mary Alice Johnson vs. Iz Bernstein and Metro Area Transit**

Judge: Stephen Davis

Attorneys: Tim Streff and Tom Walsh, Jr.  
Case: Automobile/Bus Accident

Specials: \$3,012.26  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, no damages

**820-302 Henry Steel, et al. vs. Oak Ridge Equestrian Center, et al.**

Judge: James Buckley  
Attorneys: Bryan Watkins and Martin Cannon  
Case: Civil Fraud  
Specials: \$150,000  
Verdict: For Defendants

**834-839 Leroy Flick vs. James E. LaChapelle**

Judge: Donald Hamilton  
Attorneys: Robert Beach, Steve Lefler and James Knowles, Jr.  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$6,167.59  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$6,750

**836-575 Green Products Company vs. Cass County Insurance**

Judge: Stephen Davis  
Attorneys: Thomas Walsh, Jr. and Daniel Chesire  
Case: Suit on insurance policy  
Specials: \$29,235  
Verdict: For Plaintiff

**831-861 Michael F. Larkin vs. Larry Funkhouser**

Judge: Jerry Gitnick  
Attorneys: Richard Spethman and Ronald Krause  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$1,324.60  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$1,700

**834-320 Richard C. Case vs. Gary Zonitz**

Judge: James Buckley  
Attorneys: John Wilke & Alan Plessman  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$11,764.80  
Verdict: For Plaintiff: \$25,000

**827-166 John V. Kiper vs. Hawkeye-Security Ins. Co.**

Judge: James Buckley  
Attorneys: John Burns and Tim Pugh  
Case: Suit on an insurance policy  
Specials: \$4,542.53  
Verdict: For Plaintiff, \$4,542.53

**FOR DEFENDANTS**  
**828-221 Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital vs. 2625 Territorial Road Co.**

Judge: Theodore Carlson  
Attorneys: Harry Otis and David Lathrop  
Case: Lease Contract  
Specials: \$22,545.86  
Verdict: For Defendant

**828-817 Cynthia L. Jenkins vs. Janel L. Tripp**

Judge: John Clark  
Attorneys: Michael McCormack and Joseph Jones  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$6,004.00  
Verdict: For Defendant

**808-338 James A. Cooper vs. Nebraska Methodist Hospital, et al.**

Judge: James Buckley  
Attorneys: Daniel Ryberg & Joseph Bataillon  
Case: Medical malpractice  
Specials: \$26,820.59  
Verdict: For Defendants

**834-789 Ethel Russell vs. Russell Hornine**

Judge: Stephen Davis  
Attorneys: Michael Goodman & Daniel Chesire  
Case: Automobile Accident  
Specials: \$8,000  
Verdict: For Defendant on Petition; For Plaintiff on Defendant's Counterclaim

## Douglas County Law Library Notes

Computerized access to the full text of Revised Statutes of Nebraska as well as the text of current legislative bills is available at the Douglas County Law Library.

There services are provided by the State of Nebraska Central Data Processing Division through NeLCms (Nebraska Library Communication System). It is expected that additional data-bases will be made available in the future. For a limited period of time there will be charge for this service.

Nebraska bankruptcy opinions, indexed by topic and code section, are now complete through 1984.

WESTLAW has added recent law review articles, many of which are not otherwise available locally.

The library provides bill-tracking service throughout the legislative session. Call 444-7171 for a report of the status of any bill, or 444-7174 for on-line search services.

## CALENDAR

### Apr.

29-May 10 District Court **Jury Session**  
30 Tues. Bench and Bar Display — Western Heritage Museum  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

### May

1 Wed. Law Day — "Liberty and Justice for All"  
1. Meet a Lawyer  
2. Lawyers in the Schools  
3. Luncheon with Sir Oliver Wright, British Ambassador to the United States — Red Lion  
See page 1 for more details.

28-June 7 District Court **Jury Session**

### June

3 Mon. Omaha Bar Association — FIELD DAY —  
Omaha Country Club  
14-15 NCLE/Nebraska Ass'n. of Bank Attorneys Seminar:  
Fri./Sat. **Banking Law** — Creighton School of Law

### July

4-10 ABA's Annual Meeting — Washington, D.C.  
Thurs./Wed.

## Volunteers Needed For Projects

The Law-Related Education Committee of the Omaha Bar Association has received requests for volunteer attorneys in two interesting projects. This summer, Metro Tech wants to include law in its "College for Kids" program. Needed are attorneys willing to spend one hour a day for five days teaching school-age children (and sometimes a few adults) basic legal principles. The curriculum will be developed from existing law-related educational materials.

We have also been asked to furnish as many volunteer attorneys as possible for the Omnibus Omaha program for gifted children in the fourth through sixth grades, sponsored by the Junior League. This program will be conducted both next fall and the following spring, and consists of six two-hour sessions using existing materials prepared by the Omnibus program. Each class is comprised of a maximum of fifteen students, and two teachers are needed for each class. In order to teach in this

program, a six hour training program must be completed, which involves gaining an understanding of gifted children and educational and communication strategies to better relate to these children.

Attorneys interested in volunteering for either of these programs or for more information, should contact **Bob Freeman** at 341-6000, or **Glenda Pierce**, at 342-5550.

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