

## **Western District of Missouri**

The Historical Society of the Western District of Missouri had a year of continued growth as a part of our Court en banc's commitment to bring lawyers and members of the public into the Courthouse. This spring, the court entered into a contract with The Design Minds, a respected design concept firm located in Alexandria, Virginia, to create plans for an exhibition area to house a history of the Court, its Judges and a selective group of special cases that have helped define our Court and its times. It is hoped that such an area can be completed by this time next year.

The Society's membership has also continued to grow among lawyers of all age groups. The Society hosted several luncheons during the year that featured local lecturers discussing topics of interest to our members. The highlight of that series was a presentation by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Larson entitled "Milligan, Pendergast & Truman." It was a perfect post-election topic. This coming fall, the society will host its September meeting in the newly-opened regional facility of the National Archives in Kansas City, Missouri. That facility's incredible staff will overview the contents of this space, including its extensive court related files.

As of May 30, 2009, the Historical Society had an account balance of \$10,173.17.

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