

Western District of Missouri
Historical Society

2009-2010 has been an unusually active period for the Historical Society for the Western District of Missouri. Under the leadership of Chief Judge Gaitan and the Court en banc, the Court has entered into a contract with The Design Minds of Alexandria, Virginia to create a permanent display in the Charles Evans Whittaker Courthouse in Kansas City. Among other things, Ann Thompson, the Clerk of the Court, has been responsible for the negotiation of the agreement as well for coordinating the efforts of the Historical Society's contribution to this impressive undertaking. The display, which will be open to the public, will present the history of the Court, and its district, magistrate and bankruptcy judges. It will also feature case highlights from a variety of the cases filed throughout its history, with a focus on six cases chosen by the judges as being historically significant and of interest to lawyers and the public. Additionally, the space will have stand alone sections dealing with citizenship, the judicial process and jury service. It is anticipated the display will be opened by the beginning of 2011.

The chapter has also tentatively lined up three authors to address its membership in 2010-2011. On the fundraising side, it has raised approximately \$9,500 in the last 12 months and efforts are underway to raise an additional \$15,000 before March 2011. It currently has an active balance of \$17,654.47, raised from members and firms.

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