



# THE SAVORY LAW FIRM, LLC

## Newsletter

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### Multi-Million Dollar Lawsuit Filed Against the City of Kansas City, Missouri and the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department for Fraudulent Concealment of a Search Warrant

On April 3, 2009, The Savory Law Firm, LLC, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Simmons, filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri against the City of Kansas City, Missouri and the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

This lawsuit is based on the fraudulent search warrant served on Mr. Simmons in 1999, which resulted in his unlawful confinement.

The petition alleges that the police department failed to provide a copy of the illegal search warrant which resulted in Mr. Simmons incarceration in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The petition further states that the search warrant did not comply with state or federal law because it did not indicate what items the police were searching for. The search warrant identified the place to be searched. It did not identify the items to be seized.

Finally, the petition asserts that Mr. Simmons' Fourth Amendment Right to be free from an illegal

search and seizure would not have been violated had the City of Kansas City, Missouri and its employees, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department followed the law. This case is now pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.



#### Other Pending Cases and Lawsuits Filed (Jackson County)

Shirley Thomas v. U.S. Bank  
 (Mortgage Fraud)  
 filed on July 16, 2008

John Thomas v. Abbott Insurance  
 (Breach of Contract)  
 filed on March 11, 2009

James Salamoni v. Superior Moving  
 (Breach of Contract)  
 filed on April 3, 2009

#### WHO WE ARE

Since March 17, 2008, when we opened our doors, The Savory Law Firm, LLC has cherished its motto: "Fighting to protect your rights, every case and every time."

The Savory Law Firm, LLC is a general trial practice representing parties in cases ranging from traffic violations to complex civil lawsuits.

Number of Open/Pending Cases:  
 41

Traffic.....	1
Criminal.....	20
Civil.....	9
Family.....	6
Other.....	5

Number of Cases Closed in 2008:  
 38

Number of Jury Trials 2008-2009:  
 3

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### Planning of our Second Annual "Education Series"

In our first year, we hosted our first "Education Series," an event which was free and open to the public. The purpose was to educate our community on legal issues affecting them and to inform them of their legal rights.

We invited various local judges, private and public interest attorneys who taught on topics ranging from drug crimes to child support.

Because of the demand and high interest level, we are planning our "Education Series" for 2009.

#### Tentative Dates:

Each Thursday at 6:30 P.M., beginning on July 16, 2009 through August 20, 2009

#### Location TBD

#### Past speakers:

- Honorable Thomas H. Newton, Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District
- Sammie Edwards, Law Office of Sammie Edwards
- Arimeta Dupree, Assistant Public Defender for the Missouri State Public Defender System
- Melinda Clark-Sann, Law Offices of Melinda Clark-Sann
- David Mitchell, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the

Jackson County Prosecutor's Office

- Jalilah Otto, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office
- Dorothy L. Savory, Managing Attorney for The Savory Law Firm, LLC.

#### Topics:

- The Right to Remain Silent
- The Missouri State Public Defender System
- Child Support
- Drug Laws
- Domestic Violence and Other Violent Crimes

#### Special points of interest:

- Ms. Cee Cee Cole has joined our staff as our legal assistant!
- Ms. Shalanda Smith, was our first summer law clerk in 2008! She attends the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.
- Congratulations to Ms. Shariece Canady who recently passed the Missouri Bar! Ms. Canady is a graduate of the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law. She also was Ms. Savory's second chair in the jury trial of State of Missouri v. Christopher Jones in May 2009.