

## USE OF COMPUTERS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Law Library public computers are reserved for legal research and access to the online catalog. Peripheral devices (printers, CD-ROM drives, cameras, keyboards, scanners, etc) may not be attached without prior authorization.

Public computer use is limited to one hour per session. If no users are waiting, a second session may be requested. Users may only access public computers using their own library card. To request your library card, please ask any staff member to assist you. Accessing the library computer system, programs or data without authorization is prohibited.

Personal electronic devices may be used in the library provided such use does not disturb other users or take up excessive space or electrical capacity. Personal electronic devices including but not limited to computers, copiers, scanners and printers may be used only if they do not exceed 1.5 amps or a footprint of 2 square feet, make no noise audible to other patrons and pose no other hazard or obstacle to use of the library by others. For example, laptops and silent handheld scanners are generally permitted, while full-size personal computers and scanners are generally not permitted. As noted above, if the use of a device can be heard by patrons more than 5 feet away, it is presumed to be disturbing to others.

Tabletop electrical outlets are provided for patron use. Due to a very limited number of electrical outlets each user should not connect to more than one outlet at a time. Wall outlets may not be used by patrons without prior express permission.

## UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Opening emergency exits (except in emergency situations), entering unauthorized or off-limit areas of the library, remaining in the library after closing or during emergency drills or evacuations is prohibited and may result in immediate suspension of library privileges.

## FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with library rules, library signage or the directives of library staff, or to cooperate with the staff in their enforcement of these rules may result in the loss or suspension of library privileges, including but not limited to temporary or permanent removal from the library premises. Any removal or suspension of privileges for more than one day may be appealed upon written request within 10 days of the removal or suspension.



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### Main Library

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# Rules of Conduct

## *Guidelines for Law Library Use*

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*The LA Law Library staff  
welcomes you.*

*LA Law Library provides public access  
to legal information. We are here to  
assist your use of the resources and  
services offered. Please help us keep the  
library safe and pleasant for everyone by  
following these rules of conduct.*

## RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Users shall respect the rights of other library users and library staff. The Library shall not be used in lieu of an office for the practice of law or any other professional or business activity. Soliciting, harassing, offending, intimidating or disturbing library patrons or staff is strictly prohibited. *[California Penal Code 602.1(b)]*

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

LA Law Library does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. To request an accommodation for any of the Library's programs, services, or activities, please inform a staff member of your accommodation request. Service animals as defined by law are welcome in the library to assist persons with disabilities.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We are delighted our patrons enjoy the library and want to take photos. To protect the privacy of others, however, no photography or filming is permitted on library premises without arrangements and approval in advance. Should you wish to request permission to photograph within a public space or arrange space for private photography sessions, please contact us at 213.785.2511 for assistance. Personal electronic devices may be used to photograph or record content of Library materials, subject to the Rules below.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Users should limit their carry-in items to those materials necessary to accomplish their legal research. For safety and security, the library reserves the right to limit users to one bag and one purse or a briefcase.

- ❖ Briefcases, backpacks, packages and outer garments may be subject to inspection at any time.
- ❖ With the exception of wheelchairs, large objects such as carts, luggage, bicycles or parcels that collectively exceed 26" x 19" x 9" are not permitted in the library.
- ❖ Walkways and aisles shall be kept clear and unobstructed by personal items, including but not limited to, briefcases, packages, backpacks, garments, electric cords and equipment.
- ❖ The Law Library is not responsible for, nor shall it have any liability for, the personal items that users bring into the library.
- ❖ Security personnel will remove unattended items.

## PERSONAL CONDUCT IN THE LAW LIBRARY

In consideration of others, quiet is expected throughout the Library. Users may engage in quiet conversation in person or by telephone as long as other users are not disturbed. Pagers, cell phones and PDAs should be turned to vibrate or silent mode. Photocopiers/scanners or other equipment should be used as quietly as possible. If a conversation or use of a device can be heard by patrons more than 5 feet away, it is presumed to be disturbing to others.

Appropriate attire, including shirts and shoes must be worn in the library.

Animals, other than service animals assisting persons with disabilities, are not permitted in the library.

Children must be under the control and supervision of a responsible adult at all times.

Beverages in covered, spill-proof containers are allowed. The eating of food and the chewing of gum are prohibited.

The following are not permitted in LA Law Library:

- ❖ Smoking, including smoking within 20' of any entrance to the Law Library.  
*[California Government Code 7597]*
- ❖ Weapons
- ❖ Loitering, sleeping, laying on the Law Library floor or furniture.
- ❖ Bathing, shaving, and washing clothes in the library restrooms.

Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs, except as lawfully prescribed by a physician, are not permitted in the library.

Persons whose parcels or bodily hygiene or odor is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance or disrupt others' work shall be required to leave the library.

## USE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Users shall not conceal or hide library materials for their exclusive use. Pocket parts or loose-leaf pages may not be removed from books except for photocopy purposes. When copying is complete, the pages used shall be returned promptly to their correct location in the book.

No materials shall be removed from the library unless they have been properly checked out. Failure to return materials when due may result in payment of fines, replacement costs and administrative costs and/or loss of Law Library privileges.

Users should not reshelve their used materials. Materials left unattended for long periods of time, will be reshelved by Law Library staff. Users wishing to keep pulled materials for later use, should place a reserve sign on the items, including a date and time when the user will return to the item(s).

## THEFT, ABUSE AND VANDALISM

The theft, abuse, vandalism, mutilation, marring, marking, defacing, or otherwise damaging of the books, building, equipment, furniture or other objects in the Law Library is prohibited.

*[California Penal Code 490.5 & 594: Education Code 19910 & 19911]*