

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY

CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary mission of the University of South Carolina School of Law Library is to serve the students, faculty, and staff of the Law School and the University of South Carolina community. The Library also welcomes members of the Bar and public who wish to use the Library's collection for conducting legal research. In order to accomplish these goals, the Library must provide an environment conducive to research and study, and the legitimate use of Library materials and services. To foster this environment, all patrons of the Library must follow these rules and be considerate of the rights of other patrons. Any behavior or condition that disrupts the orderly use of the Library; may damage or otherwise harm Library material, furnishings, fixtures, furniture or equipment; or affects the ability of the staff to provide service is prohibited. Patrons may be held financially responsible for any said damages.

Patrons of the Library must provide student or other identification upon request by a member of the Library staff; failure to do so will result in the patron being required to leave the Library. Patrons who act in a manner inconsistent with Library policies and expected conduct may be asked to leave the Library and, in addition, violators may be banned from the Library and subject to action by appropriate enforcement authority. Students of the University of South Carolina may be subject to additional penalties under rules and regulations applicable at the time.

The following policies apply to all patrons of the Law Library. Failure to abide by these policies will result in a patron being excluded from the Library.

Conduct that disturbs other Library patrons or interferes with Library activities is prohibited.

This includes, without limitation, excessive noise (including noise generated by audio equipment and electronic communication devices), verbal abuse, threats of violence, harassment, sexual harassment, use of electronic devices or other activities that interfere with the activities of Library staff and patrons.

Removing or attempting to remove Library materials, equipment or property without checkout or other official Library authorization is prohibited.

By entering the Library, patrons agree to pass through a security system at the exit and have hand-carried items, backpacks, etc., inspected before leaving the Library. Also, deliberate misplacement or concealment of Library materials is prohibited. ***S.C. Code §§16-13-330 through -370.*** The Law Library operates a video surveillance system. Patrons will be videotaped while on the premises. ***S.C. Code § 16-17-470(E)(2)***

Abuse of materials, facilities, and equipment is prohibited.

Damaging Library materials by marking or removing pages or other destructive activities towards equipment or facilities are considered acts of vandalism and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. ***S.C. Code §§16-13-330 through -370.***

For the protection of Library materials and facilities, food is not permitted in the Library. However, non-alcoholic beverages in a spill-proof container are permitted.

Attire appropriate to a public building is required.

Patrons should not leave personal items unattended.

The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen personal articles.

Persons under age 18 are not permitted to be left unattended in the Law Library.

Adults accompanying persons under 18 in the library are responsible for that individual's conduct, as well as for any damage, disturbance, or theft caused by the minor. Exceptions will be made for currently enrolled University of South Carolina students who are under 18.

In compliance with the USC-Columbia Tobacco Policy, smoking and use of all tobacco products is prohibited in the Library.

All patrons must abide by the posted hours.

No patrons are permitted in the Library before opening time or after closing time.

Computers located within the Library are to be used for research purposes only. Computers located in the Student Commons are for the sole use of USC School of Law students, faculty, and staff.

No animals are allowed in the Library except service animals that assist people with disabilities. 28 CFR § 35.104

Sleeping in the Library is prohibited.

All patrons must leave the Library during emergency drills or evacuations. Emergency exits may be used only during such drills or evacuations.

After 9:00 pm, entrance to the USC School of Law is restricted to persons with a valid University of South Carolina School of Law I.D.

No solicitation is permitted in the Library. Law Library premises shall be used for research or academic purposes only.

Group study rooms at the USC School of Law are for the sole use of USC School of Law students, faculty, and staff.

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