**Montana Judicial Branch**

**Administrative Policies**

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1. **Use of the Law Library Resources and Services**

## The Law Library strives to maintain an environment that will support Law Library use that is productive, efficient, and comfortable; towards that goal, patrons are required to follow these standards of appropriate use.

## The Law Library’s services and resources shall be used for legal information, educational, and research purposes.

## **Unacceptable Behavior**

* 1. The Law Library’s patrons must be protected from unreasonable interruption or distraction, from concern about their personal privacy or personal safety, and from any other intrusion on their ability to concentrate or use the Law Library satisfactorily. Law Library personnel must be able to provide services unimpeded by harassment, abuse, or other undue stress. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it impinges on the rights of others, when it could result in injury to oneself or others, or when it could result in damage to the facility or equipment.
  2. Behavior reasonably deemed by Law Library personnel to be offensive, frightening, or potentially harmful to others or to Law Library resources is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Examples of prohibited behavior include, but are not limited to:
* Disrupting others by speaking loudly or causing loud noises;
* Threatening or harassing other patrons or Law Library personnel;
* Using drugs and/or alcohol;
* Engaging in sexual behavior on the premises;
* Sleeping, after being awakened one time by Law Library personnel;
* Soliciting, petitioning, panhandling, or attempting to advertise and/or sell merchandise;
* Conversing on cell phones, unless allowed by Law Library personnel for legal information, educational, and research purposes;
* Causing harm to the collection, to the computers, and/or to other Law Library resources; and
* Engaging in any activity in violation of state, federal, or local law or violation of other Law Library policies.

1. **Violations**
   1. Patrons who violate this policy will be required to modify their behavior and/or leave the Law Library.
   2. If a patron in violation of this policy refuses to modify their behavior and/or leave the Law Library, building security and/or law enforcement will be contacted.
   3. The Law Library may prohibit patrons who violate this policy from future access to the Law Library.

## **Closing**

## Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Law Librarian.