



## Rules of Conduct

The San Diego County Public Law Library has adopted the following Rules of Conduct.

All Law Library users are expected to follow all Law Library policies including these Rules of Conduct. Anyone in violation of these rules or whose conduct poses a threat to the safety of Law Library patrons or staff may be removed and excluded from the Law Library.

The term Law Library as used in this policy means all branches of the San Diego County Public Law Library.

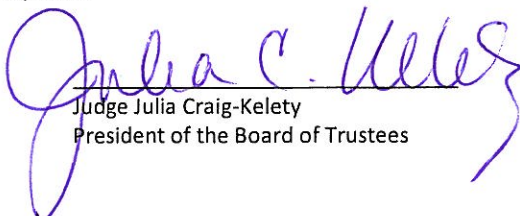
Unacceptable behavior, which may be the basis for removal or exclusion, includes behavior that impinges on the rights of others, behavior that could result in injury to oneself or others, or behavior that may result in damage to the building, equipment, or property of the Law Library. The Law Library staff is authorized to determine what constitutes unacceptable behavior. Unacceptable behavior includes but is not limited to the following:

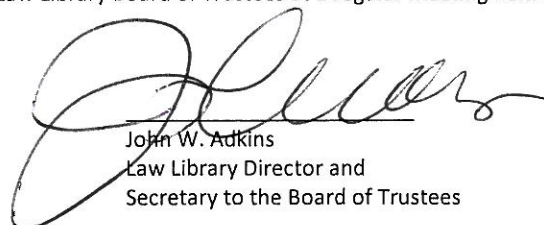
1. Disturbing, offending, intimidating or harassing other library patrons or staff.
2. Exhibiting intoxication or drunken behavior. Consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
3. Carrying or displaying weapons in the library.
4. Using sounds or images in a way that disturbs other library patrons or staff. Disturbing images include, but are not limited to display of obscene or sexually explicit materials on computers.
5. Having personal hygiene that is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others.
6. Using pagers, cell phones, or other electronic devices in Library areas that disrupt the work of others.
7. Stealing, vandalizing, damaging or defacing library facilities, equipment or materials.
8. Bringing shopping carts or wheeled conveyances except wheelchairs and trial briefcases with collapsible luggage carriers.
9. Bringing bedrolls, blankets, luggage, containers, packages, parcels or bundles which singly or collectively exceed 26" x 17" x 9" or any items that pose a potential safety hazard to others.
10. Refusing to have their items searched or inspected or to leave when asked.
11. Using library restrooms inappropriately including but not limited to bathing or washing of clothes.
12. Smoking or chewing tobacco.
13. Bringing food or drinks in non-spill proof containers or eating in the library except during library-sponsored events.
14. Soliciting, panhandling, sleeping, or loitering in or around the library building.
15. Bringing animals other than service animals into the building.
16. Coming into the library without wearing appropriate attire.
17. Leaving children (below 14 years of age) unsupervised at any time in the library.
18. Distributing printed material or taking photos in the library without prior authorization from the Law Library Administration or a designated representative.
19. Engaging in lewd conduct including but not limited to flashing, petting or sexually-oriented gestures, sounds or comments.
20. Engaging in loud conversation or using abusive or obscene language.
21. Maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging or destroying any computer system, network, computer program or data.
22. Engaging in any illegal activity.

Any person who violates these rules may be asked to leave or be removed from the Law Library by the Law Library staff, security guard, or peace officer. The person removed shall not enter the building, premises or grounds of the library for the remainder of the business day or for a period of time as may be specified by the Director of the Law Library or the Director's designee. Violation or repetitive violation of any of these rules shall result in suspension of that person's library privileges for such period of time as deemed appropriate by the Law Library. Any person who refuses to leave when asked or re-enters the building during the term of his or her suspension shall be considered a trespasser, law enforcement will be notified and he or she will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A copy of these Rules of Conduct shall be posted at the Law Library's entrance.

These Rules of Conduct has been approved by the San Diego County Public Law Library Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on September 22, 2010.

  
Judge Julia Craig-Kelety  
President of the Board of Trustees

  
John W. Adkins  
Law Library Director and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Note: These Rules of Conduct supersede the "Rules of Conduct and Acceptable Use Policy" dated January 23, 2008.