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**Law Library Rules**

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**Law Library Rules**

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**Title.**

1. These rules may be cited as the Law Library Rules.

**Location of books.**

2. The law reports, statutes, textbooks and legal publications belonging to the court shall be kept in the library, in the Chief Justice's chambers and in the Registry, as the Chief Justice may direct.

**Persons entitled to use the library.**

3. The following persons shall be entitled to use the library—
  - (a) the Attorney General and any legally qualified member of his staff;
  - (b) the judge of the Court of First Instance;
  - (c) the Stipendiary Magistrate and the Justices of the Peace;
  - (d) all legal practitioners and notaries public practising in Gibraltar;
  - (e) any legal practitioner or notary public visiting Gibraltar on legal business;
  - (f) the clerk of the Court of First Instance;
  - (g) the clerk of the magistrates' court;
  - (h) any person who has held judicial office in Gibraltar or who has held the office of Registrar;
  - (i) any person who is a student member of an Inn of Court or who is an entrant of the Faculty of Advocates or who is articled or apprenticed to a solicitor;
  - (j) any other person, with the express permission of the Chief Justice or of the Registrar.

**Visitors.**

4. Any of the persons mentioned in rule 3 may take visitors into the library, but such visitors shall at all times be accompanied by the person introducing them.

**Use of the library.**

5. The library may be used for study, reading or writing but shall not be used for any other purpose without the express permission of the Registrar.

**Borrowing of books.**

6.(1) Library books may be borrowed by any of the persons named in paragraphs (a), 16), (c), (d), (f) and (g) of rule 3 and by any other person with the consent of the Chief Justice or of the Registrar:

Provided that no book may be borrowed if it is marked, or noted in the catalogue of library books, as not to be removed from the court premises.

(2) Any person wishing to borrow a book from the library shall apply therefor to the Librarian and shall give a receipt therefor recording the date and time of borrowing.

(3) No book shall be borrowed for more than twenty-four hours (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excluded,), except when a book is borrowed at the commencement and for the purposes of a hearing in court or chambers, when it may be retained for the duration of the hearing.

(4) Any book that has been borrowed shall be returned immediately if it is required by the Chief Justice or by the Registrar.

(5) Any person who borrows a book from the library shall be responsible for the loss of or any damage to it, however caused, while in his custody, and shall on demand forthwith pay to the Registrar the cost of replacement or repair of any book so lost or damaged.