

Division 8. Library Requirements

8.1 Library Resources.

ORIGINAL: A law school's library resources must serve the teaching, research, and other goals of the law school. A law student cannot successfully complete a J.D. degree program or be prepared for admission to practice law without training in the use of a law library or without reasonable access to adequate legal research resources. The faculty of a law school cannot adequately prepare or teach without access to adequate legal research resources to supplement their preparation and research.

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TWO RAC MEMBERS: A law school's library resources must serve the teaching, research, and other ~~goals~~educational objectives of the law school. In preparation for admission to practice law, a law student ~~cannot successfully complete a J.D. degree program or be prepared for admission to practice law without training in the use of a law library or without reasonable access to adequate legal research resources~~must have the ability to perform legal research competently using both hard copy and electronic research resources. The faculty of a law school ~~cannot adequately prepare or teach without~~needs access to adequate legal research resources to supplement their preparation and research.

8.2 Law Library.

ORIGINAL: A law school must maintain a physical law library containing the hard copy publications specified in guideline 8.4 and providing Internet access to the online resources it has the option to provide in that format under that guideline. A law school's law library must be adequate for the number of students, staff, and faculty of the law school. Adequacy is determined by law school enrollment, physical layout, holdings, physical condition and currency of the publications and other resources, hours of operation, number and credentials of library staff, and administration and organization.

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operation must be appropriate for the study and research needs of the law school's students and its faculty.

TWO RAC MEMBERS: A law school must maintain a physical law library containing all required hard copy and optional electronic resources, including internet access. the hard copy publications specified in guideline 8.4 and providing Internet access to the online resources it has the option to provide in that format under that guideline. A law school's law library must be adequate for the number of students, ~~staff,~~ and faculty of the law school. The adequacy of a law library will be evaluated by consideration of a is determined by law school's enrollment, the physical layout of the library, holdings, the physical condition of all hard copy and currency of the publications and whether all are properly current and updated, relevance of all other available legal resources and the other resources, hours of operation, ~~number and credentials of library staff, and administration and organization.~~

8.3 Location of Law School Law Library.

ORIGINAL: The law school's law library must be housed in the same physical structure as the law school's classrooms and faculty and administrative offices or in one that is close to the law school's classrooms and offices. It should be well lit, ventilated, and:

- (A) Equipped with easily accessible stacks for all materials in the collection, plus space for expansion to accommodate supplements, advance sheets and new materials as received;
- (B) Equipped with seating at tables or desks for at least the number of students, staff, and faculty who may be reasonably expected to use the law library for study or research at the same time; the law library of a law school with a full-time program must accommodate at least one-fifth of the enrolled students;
- (C) Not be used for class or instructional purposes that substantially interfere with its principal purpose as a law library;
- (D) Open at reasonable times that meet student, staff, and faculty needs; and
- (E) Operated by a competent staff that keeps all material current, provides reasonable assistance, and maintains all required records. A law school is not required to have a full-time law librarian.

CALS: The law school's law library must be housed in the same physical structure as a location that is convenient to the law school's classrooms and faculty ~~and administrative offices or in one that is close to the law school's classrooms and offices.~~ It should be well lit, ventilated, and: Hard-copy materials should be accessibly situated. Other uses of the library space should not substantially interfere with its principle purpose as a law library.

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~~(D) Open at reasonable times that meet student, staff, and faculty needs; and~~

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TWO RAC MEMBERS: The law school's law library must be housed in the same physical structure location as the law school's classrooms, ~~and~~ faculty and administrative offices or in one a location that is in reasonably close proximity to the law school's classrooms and offices. A law school is not required to have a law librarian but must assign a competent administrator or staff person to oversee and be responsible for maintaining and updating all mandatory legal authorities and research resources. Other uses of a law school's law library should not substantially interfere with its principle purpose.

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~~(A) Be e~~Equipped with ~~easily accessible stacks for all materials in the collection, plus space for expansion to accommodate supplements, advance sheets and new materials as received~~ adequate space to accommodate hard bound materials and electronic access;

~~(BC) Be e~~Equipped with seating at tables or desks for at least the number of students, ~~staff,~~ and faculty who may be reasonably expected to use the law library for study or research at the same time; the law library of a law school with a full-time program must accommodate at least one-fifth of the enrolled students;

~~(C(D)~~ Not be used for any regularly scheduled class or other instructional purposes that would substantially interfere with its use by students or faculty ~~principal purpose~~ as a law library;

~~(DE) Be o~~Open ~~at for a~~ reasonable number of daytime and evening hours during the school year to times that meet the needs of students, staff, and faculty ~~needs;~~ and,

~~(EF) Operated~~ Be maintained by a competent staff ~~to that~~ keeps all library materials properly shelved and accessible and, upon request, to provide reasonably timely current, ~~provides reasonable~~ assistance, and to maintains all required records. ~~A law school is not required to have a full-time law librarian.~~

8.4 Library Content.

[Guidelines and Table containing library contents deleted for purposes of reviewing Guidelines]

8.5 Instruction in Legal Research.

ORIGINAL: A law school must provide students with instruction in the use of physical publications and electronic-based legal research.

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8.6 Other Law Libraries.

ORIGINAL: If the law school is located in reasonable proximity to a public or other law library and the governing authorities of the other law library, in writing or published, permit the use of the other library by the law school, its faculty and students, then the content of such other library and the nature and extent of the use so permitted the law school, will be considered in determining compliance with Division 8 of these guidelines and Rule 4.160(I).

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8.6 Other Law Libraries.

TWO RAC MEMBERS: Upon prior approval of the Committee, aIf the law school that is located in reasonable proximity to a public, private or other law library, which- contains all the mandatory requirements of Guideline 8.4, may satisfy the library requirements as set forth in Division 8 by filing a declaration from the dean that confirms the following:

A) and the governing authorities of any such the other law library, have agreed, in writing, to -or published-, permit the use of the library by the law school's, its

~~faculty and students and faculty at no additional charge and under the same accessibility and conditions required by Guideline 8.3; and~~
A)B) the other library contains and offers equal access to all mandatory library contents as required by Guideline 8.4., ~~then the content of such other library and the nature and extent of the use so permitted the law school, will be considered in determining compliance with Division 8 of these guidelines and Rule 4.160(I).~~

8.7 Access to Online Law Library Material.

ORIGINAL: A law school must provide each law student with access to the online law library material it maintains throughout the student's law study. Access must be available at times convenient to students. A law school must provide adequate services and support to students to ensure that their access to the law school's online library material is consistently available.

8.7 Access to Online Law Library Material.

CALS: A law school must provide each law student with access to the online law library material it maintains ~~throughout~~ during the student's ~~law study~~ attendance. Access must be available at times convenient to students. A law school must ~~provide adequate~~ use a reliable provider of on-line services and support ~~to students~~ to ensure that their ~~the students'~~ access to the ~~law school's~~ online library material is consistently available.

8.7 Access to Online Law Library Material.

TWO RAC MEMBERS: A law school must provide each of its enrolled law students with access to an online provider that ~~the online law library material it maintains~~ offers a legal research service throughout the student's law study. Access must be available at times convenient to students and. ~~A law school~~ must provide adequate services and support services to students to ensure that their access to the law school's online library material is consistently available.

8.8 Library Records.

ORIGINAL: A law school must create and maintain the following records:

(A) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all expenditures for hard copy and electronic library material and all other electronic legal research resources available to students; and

(B) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all hard copy and electronic library material and all other electronic legal research resources available to students, indicating the means of access and any restrictions and limitations on access.

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~~(A) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all~~ a record of expenditures for hard copy and electronic library and research materials and ~~all other electronic legal research resources available~~ provided to students and faculty. ; and

~~(B) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all hard copy and electronic library material and all other electronic legal research resources available to students, indicating the means of access and any information on~~ restrictions and limitations on access to library or research materials.

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~~(A) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all~~ expenditures for all hard copy, ~~and~~ electronic library and research materials, and ~~all~~ other ~~electronic~~ legal ~~research~~ resources available provided to students and faculty, ~~;~~ and

~~(B) A complete hard copy or electronic list of all hard copy and electronic library material and all other electronic legal research resources available to students, indicating the means of access and information on any~~ restrictions and limitations on access to library or research materials.