## Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court Law Libraries (FSMSCLL)

## **Rules and Regulations**

The Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court Law Libraries (FSMSCLL) operates legal reference libraries that are available to all who have need of its resources for legal research and study. The following rules and regulations are applicable to all users of the FSMSCLL.

- 1. The FSMSCLL users shall engage in the appropriate uses (reading, researching, and copying) associated with the use of a law library. The FSMSCLL shall not be used as a substitute for an office for the practice of law, as a forum for servicing or meeting clients or prospective clients, or any other business activity. Persons found loitering or sleeping will be asked to leave. Carrels and facilities are for the exclusive use for legal research and study.
- 2. Users shall leave the FSMSCLL at closing time or when asked by FSM Supreme Court staff to leave, including emergencies and evacuation drills.
- 3. The FSMSCLL reserves the right to examine materials carried out of the library. By entering the FSMSCLL, one is consenting to the examination. Persons not wishing to have their materials examined when they leave should check them in advance with the FSMSCLL staff.
- 4. Generally prohibited activities include: eating, drinking, smoking, being under the influence of alcohol and illegal drugs.
- 5. Users may not bring animals into the FSMSCLL other than guide or assistance animals.
- 6. The FSMSCLL staff shall not give legal advice or draft legal documents. Anyone needing such services should consult an attorney licensed to practice in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).
- 7. Books and other library materials may not be withdrawn from the FSMSCLL except as authorized under the <u>Circulation Policy</u>. Circulation records are confidential and FSMSCLL staff are prohibited from disclosing to whom materials are checked out.

- 8. The FSMSCLL users shall be respectful of library furnishings, equipment and materials. Users shall handle all library items with reasonable care. Pencil or pen markings, earmarking of pages, removal of binding, tearing pages, use of repositionable (Post-It) notes, paper clips or mutilation in any manner of library materials in not allowed.
- 9. Use of the public access computer workstations shall be in accordance with the FSMSCLL's *Public Computer Use Policy*. This policy is posted at each PC Station.
- 10. FSMSCLL users must not reshelf books they have used. No materials will be 'saved', so users are advised to retain citation information for materials they will need again.
- 11. The FSMSCLL office supplies and equipment (including, but not limited to staplers, paper clips, paper cutters, etc.) are for use by the FSMSCLL/court staff only.
- 12. Conversation and noise must be kept at an acceptable level in the FSMSCLL so users may have a peaceful and quiet environment conductive to study and research.
- 13. Users shall respect the rights of other users and shall not harass or annoy others through noisy or boisterous activities, by staring at, or following another person about the library.
- 14. Users shall not disturb other library users in any manner, including asking for legal advice or assistance.
- 15. Users whose bodily hygiene is so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to other persons shall be required to leave the library.
- 16. Personal/laptop computers, typewriters and calculators may be used in the FSMSCLL unless they pose a hazard or are a nuisance to others. Users may use available electrical outlets only if the outlets are not servicing FSMSCLL equipment or being used by maintenance personnel. The FSMSCLL is not responsible for any damage, lost date, etc. resulting from power surges, electrical outages and other such acts. No equipment shall be attached to any of the Judiciary's electronic/data connections.
- 17. Radios, stereos, cassette/cd/dvd/MP3 players or other audio and video equipment are not allowed unless earphones or headphones are used to prevent the sound being heard by others and the user does not make any noise while using equipment.
- 18. Users shall place their cellular telephones on silent or vibrate when they enter the library. All cellular phone use is limited to the area outside of the FSMSCLL.

- 19. Users are solely responsible for their belongings and personal items should not be left unattended.
- 20. Notices are posted in the FSMSCLL only with the approval of the Chief Law Librarian. Commercial advertisement and personal notices are not allowed. Unauthorized postings will be removed by the FSMSCLL Staff.

Violation of any of the above regulations shall subject to the offending party to liability for loss or damage, summary suspension or permanent deprivation of the facilities and privileges of the FSMSCLL, or such other disciplinary action shall be determined by the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Federated States of Micronesia Court Law Libraries (FSMSCLL) reserves the right to adjust or revise any of the rules and regulations above as needed without advance notice.

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