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THE LAW LIBRARY REGULATIONS

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THE LAW LIBRARY ACT

THE LAW LIBRARY REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 10 (1) OF THE LAW LIBRARY ACT AND APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN COUNCIL ON MAY 26, 1927.

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1. SHORT TITLE. These Regulations may be cited as the Law Library Regulations.

2. MEMBERSHIP. The following persons shall be entitled to the use of the library—

The Governor-General, the Chief Justice, and other Judges of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General, any Law Officer of the Crown, the Magistrates, Members of the Bar practising in Antigua and Barbuda and such other persons as the Chairman may from time to time permit.

3. HOURS. The library shall be open every week day (Sundays and holidays excepted) from 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except that on Saturdays the closing time shall be 1 p.m.:

Provided that the Chairman of the Library Committee shall have power in any particular case to vary the time of opening and closing.

4. USE OF BOOKS ON LIBRARY PREMISES. All persons entitled to use the library shall be allowed to use within the library any book or books belonging to the library during such hours as the library is open. No book shall be taken out of the library except in accordance with the provisions of regulations 5 and 7.

5. USE OF BOOKS OUTSIDE LIBRARY. No person entitled to the use of the library shall remove any book from the library for use in Antigua and Barbuda without first writing out and signing an application for such book and lodging the same with the Clerk who shall thereupon endorse such application with the date of issue of the book, and shall file the same. On the return of the book the Clerk shall deliver up such written application to the person returning the book. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to report to the Chairman of the Committee all breaches of this regulation, and any person infringing its provisions more than once shall be liable to be deprived by the Chairman of the privilege of taking books out of the library.

6. RETURN OF BOOKS. Any book issued in accordance with the provisions of regulation 5 must be returned to the library at 10 a.m. on the next day the library is open:

Provided that such book may be re-issued to the same applicant upon its return unless in the meantime application therefor has been lodged with the Clerk. Any member failing on more than one occasion to return any book as required by this regulation may be deprived by the Chairman of his privilege of taking books out of the library.

7. USE OUTSIDE ANTIGUA. No library book shall be taken outside Antigua and Barbuda except upon the written application of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General, a Law Officer of the

the Crown, or a Member of the Bar practising in Antigua and Barbuda who is actually engaged in a matter for the argument of which such book shall be required. In such cases the Chairman (or in his absence the Registrar) may direct such book or books to be forwarded or issued by the Clerk to the person applying for same. Such book shall be returned to the library as soon as the matter for which it shall have been required has been heard.

8. DAMAGE TO BOOKS. If any library book is lost or in any way damaged or defaced whilst in use by or in the possession of or issued to any person, such person shall pay as compensation such sum of money as may be necessary to make good such loss, damage or defacement, not exceeding, however, the cost of procuring a new copy of such book:

Provided that if the book so lost, damaged or defaced forms part of a set and cannot be replaced without purchasing a new set the compensation to be paid shall, if so required by the Chairman, cover the cost of acquiring such new set, in which case the remaining volumes of the old set shall be delivered to the person paying such compensation.

9. FAILURE TO PAY FOR DAMAGE. Any person failing or refusing to pay compensation as provided by the immediately preceding regulation shall, in addition to any legal proceedings to which he may be liable, be automatically debarred from further participation in the use of the library. Such deprivation may, however, be revoked at any time by the Chairman.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK. The Committee may from time to time appoint a suitable person to be Clerk to the library.

11. DUTIES OF CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to see that the library is kept clean and that the books are kept in their proper places on the shelves. He shall have charge of the issue of books to the persons entitled thereto under these regulations, and shall see that such books when returned are replaced in their proper places. He shall also conduct under the direction of the Chairman all correspondence relating to the library, and shall keep all accounts in connection therewith, and shall from time to time under such direction as aforesaid prepare a catalogue of all books in the library. He shall also attend all meetings of the Committee and take and keep the minutes of proceedings thereat.

12. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The Committee shall meet once in each quarter of the year, and three persons shall form a quorum. Additional meetings may be held whenever necessary or desirable.

13. CHAIRMAN TO HAVE CASTING VOTE The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Chief Justice and in his absence the Attorney-General. In the event of the votes upon any matter arising at a Committee Meeting being equal, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

14. COPY OF REGULATIONS TO BE PLACED IN LIBRARY. A copy of these regulations as approved by the Governor-General shall be posted up in a conspicuous part of the Library.
