JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTER FALL 2023

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The collection development policy of the Law Library and Resource Center is designed as a guide to the collection philosophy of the Law Library including the future direction of the Law Library collection, consistent with the mission of the Law Library. This policy reflects the goals of Jacksonville University College of Law and its primary responsibility to support the educational needs of the College of Law. This collection development policy will guide the process to meet or exceed the standards of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Law Library follows the American Bar Association Standards for Approval of Law Schools as outlined in Chapter 6: Library and Information Sources in all its definitions and terminology.

The mission of the Jacksonville University College of Law Library and Resource Center is to promote information and learning services with forward thinking resources that support the instructional, research, and service programs of the students, staff and faculty of Jacksonville University College of Law and the Jacksonville University as a whole.

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When evaluating Law Library resources for purchase, cancellation or withdrawal, Librarians will look at several factors including:

Importance of the resource in the collection

Usefulness to the Jacksonville University community

Support of faculty scholarship interests

Recommendations and requests from Jacksonville University community

Resource cost including maintenance

Check out statistics

The uniqueness of viewpoint including approach to subject

Reputation of the author

Format of the resource

Resource condition

Any accessibility and licensing limitations

The Law Library will determine the retention policy for resources

The Law Library will continually evaluate the collection to ensure the needs of the College of Law and Jacksonville University Community are met. Physical space, budget, current educational and scholarship needs will be considered as well as the retention policy in place.

The Law Library provides access to the resources listed in the General Collection sufficient to meet the needs of its community. Some of this access is provided through Swisher Library either online or at the physical Jacksonville University Arlington location.

Federal and State Materials
Texts, Treatises and Formbooks
Encyclopedias and Restatements
International, Foreign and Comparative Law
Florida and Georgia Regional Materials
Law Reviews and Journals
Periodicals
Newspapers
Monographs

The Law Library maintains a collection of legal study aids for the benefit of the College of Law students. These are study aids that the Law Library and faculty have identified as valuable resources for our students. This area is evaluated each semester depending on the needs of the College of Law.

Currently, the Law Library purchases mandatory coursebooks assigned by the faculty for current semester courses. The Law Library reserves the right to stop purchasing mandatory coursebooks in the future.

To meet the needs of the community, the Law Library and Resource Center is proud to be a designated Federal Depository Library and will assist public patrons in accessing Government information. A public computer with an internet connection is designated for this purpose.

The Law Library accepts unconditional donations that are appropriate to the collection and fall within the collection development policy. Once donated, the items will be treated as other resources within the Law Library collection. All donations are at the discretion of the Library Director.

At the current time, ILL requests are forwarded to Swisher Library where a dedicated ILL Librarian processes the requests but shares the information with the Law Library.

The Jacksonville University College of Law is committed to providing sufficient funding for the Law Library to build and maintain a forward-looking collection that supports the instructional and research needs of its students, staff and faculty and the Jacksonville University Community.

This policy will be reviewed and updated as needed and every year at a minimum.

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