

MIDDLESEX LAW ASSOCIATION

Policy Regarding the Use of the Library Boardroom and Lawyers' Lounge

The issue of safety for the members of the Bar and in particular members of the Association has become prominent in 1998. This year a policy was adapted whereby access to the library was restricted to the members of the Law Association only. This has necessitated a review of the policy with respect to access to the library boardroom and the lawyers' lounge.

The Administration Committee, after speaking with the library staff, makes the following recommendations:

That use of the lawyers' lounge be restricted to members of the Middlesex Law Association, Judiciary, Court House staff and those committees which serve the needs of the members of the Association, ie. the Area Committee for Legal Aid. Lawyers and their clients will not have access to the lawyers' lounge, as access to the lawyers' lounge is to be gained only through the library.

That members of the public will not be allowed into the library or the lawyers' lounge for any purpose.

That the use of the Boardroom be restricted to members of the Association, the Judiciary, Court House staff and other like persons for purposes connected with the objectives of the Association as set out in its By-Laws.

Bookings for the library boardroom and lawyers' lounge are to be made through the librarians. The library staff are to seek direction from any member of the Administration Committee should a request for access be made in an unusual or unconsidered circumstance.

That there will be a form of indemnity signed by the users of the Boardroom or lawyers' lounge for any damage or loss that occurs while they are in the room. This policy along with a form of indemnity shall be posted outside the Boardroom and lawyers' lounge in consideration of their use.

Passed by the Middlesex Law Association, November 4, 1999.