King County Law Library Copyright Policy & Intellectual Property Statement

A. Material Created by the Library

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B. Copying Equipment

Copying equipment is made available to patrons for their copying needs and is unsupervised. The Law Library has prominently posted on all copying equipment the following notice:

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This institution reserves the right to refuse to fulfill a loan request if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the request would lead to violation of the copyright law.

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This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of copyright law.

The Law Library will observe the following guidelines when responding to a request:

- Multiple copies of the same material will not be made
- No title will be systematically reproduced
- All copies will become the property of the requester.

E. Preservation/Replacement Copying:

All Law Library copying for purposes of collection preservation or replacement of previously purchased materials will comply with the statutory requirements of 17 United States Code § 108, including a diligent search for a replacement at a fair price.

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