Borrowing Rules

Persons Who May Borrow Materials
- Members of the State Bar of California in good standing who live in San Francisco or have an office in San Francisco
- Judges of courts located in San Francisco
- Members of municipal, state, or federal agencies located in San Francisco

Loan Periods
- Most Law Library materials circulate for two weeks
- High-demand materials circulate for one week
- MCLE programs circulate for one week
- Items marked Library Use Only do not circulate

Circulation Limits per Borrowing Account
- Ten books
- Five CDs
- Five MCLE programs

Borrowing Account Information
- Patrons may request an email when checking out Library materials, listing items borrowed and due dates
- Patrons may access their accounts and renew materials online, unless they are overdue
  - Go to www.sflawlibrary.org
  - Click on Catalog
  - Click on My Library Account
  - Enter patron name and last nine digits of Library card barcode
  - If you need assistance with accessing your borrowing account, please call (415) 554-1772
- Patrons will be sent a due date reminder notice by email prior to an item’s due date

Renewal of Library Materials
- Materials may be renewed one time for one week at the end of the check-out period as long as no holds have been placed on the item
- Items seven or more days overdue may not be renewed, as the timely renewal period has already lapsed
- Items overdue less than seven days may be renewed for the remainder of the one week renewal period
- Overdue items must be renewed by phone—please call (415) 554-1772
- Once an item has been renewed, or there is a hold on an item, it must be returned to the Library by the close of business on the due date

Restriction on Checking Out Recently Returned Items
- When an item is returned, it may not be checked out again by the same borrower for 48 hours
- After 48 hours, the borrower may check the item out or call to request a hold

**Overdue or Lost Materials & Fines**

- Items two weeks overdue:
  - Borrowing privileges are suspended—no additional items may be borrowed, pending return of overdue Library materials

- Items one month overdue, or that are substantially damaged when returned, are deemed lost:
  - The borrower is responsible for the cost of the materials deemed lost plus processing fees for each overdue item
  - Borrowing privileges may be reinstated after payment of all applicable fees

- MCLE programs accrue overdue fines at the rate of $1 per day, including weekends and holidays

**Holds**

- A borrower may place a hold on an item that is currently checked out by calling the Library at (415) 554-1772

- The Library will make a reasonable effort to notify the patron when the item becomes available

- The Library will hold the item for three days from the date of notifying the patron