

Law Courts Library



The Law Courts Library is one of the premier law libraries in Australia; elements of its collection predate the formation of the Supreme Court in 1824. The library is a legal resource and information centre for all judicial officers, court staff and registrars of the various courts in the Law Courts Building.

Legal authorities and accurate information are provided to support the timely and effective decision-making of the courts. In 2024, librarians answered over 896 requests from the Supreme Court, and 2,427 legal resources were borrowed. Law Courts Library reader services librarians continued to provide support for court use of online resources and e-publications on iPads and other mobile devices.

In addition, 2,221 Supreme Court (including Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal) decisions were published during 2024 on the NSW Caselaw website, which is managed and supported by the Library. A total of 555 support requests were received, and 86 training sessions were provided for 222 Supreme Court staff.

Law Courts Library staff made an invaluable contribution to the Supreme Court's bicentennial celebrations in May 2024. Most notably, the Honourable Keith Mason AC KC and Larissa Reid, the Library's Reader Services Manager researched and co-authored *Constant Guardian: Changing Times: The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024*, which was officially launched by the Honourable James Spigelman AC KC and Chief Justice Andrew Bell before a packed Banco Court on 3 April 2024. In keeping with the year's historical theme, several of the more precious items in the Library's rare book collection, which includes *Nominate Reports*, *Year Books* (published 1679) and *Le Grande Abridgment - Fitzherbert* (1565 edition) were photographed for posterity and for promotional purposes.

