ALABAMA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Rule 39.

Duties of State Law Librarian.

The state law librarian shall have the following duties:

(A) The state law librarian shall be the director of the Supreme Court and State Law Library.

(B) The state law librarian shall appoint such professional librarians, research attorneys, and support personnel as are necessary for the efficient operation of the Supreme Court and State Law Library.

(C) The state law librarian shall furnish the legal materials needed by the Justices, Judges, and support personnel of the Alabama appellate courts. In doing so, the librarian is authorized to exchange court reports, codes, and other materials with other states.

(D) The state law librarian shall make the Supreme Court and State Law Library available to the appellate courts, the legislature, the Governor’s office, state agencies, federal agencies, trial court judges, district attorneys, students and faculty of education institutions, and the public.

(E) The state law librarian shall prepare an annual budget for the operation of the Supreme Court and State Law Library.

(F) The state law librarian shall administer the library fund of the Supreme Court and State Law Library. That fund shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature; fees collected under the provisions of law; monies collected from the sale of copies, books, and other materials or received from donations, gifts, or grants; and funds other than those appropriated. All monies coming to the library from all sources shall be put in the library fund. The library fund shall be deposited in a financial institution in the same manner as it was deposited in the court year immediately preceding the adoption of this rule. The library fund shall be deposited in an approved state depository that is insured by either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and shall be deposited in an interest bearing account if such an account is available. Expenditures out of this fund shall be made by the state law librarian as are appropriate to accomplish the duties enumerated herein. The library fund shall be audited by the Examiners of Public Accounts the same as in the past.

(G) The state law librarian shall work with the trial judges, bar associations, and county officials in an effort to establish and maintain a county
law library in each courthouse under the provisions of Alabama Code 1975, §§ 11-25-1 through 11-25-12, in order to have adequate research facilities for the courts, attorneys, public officials, and the public.

(H) The state law librarian shall perform any other duties required by law, rule, court order, or directive of the Justices.

[Added 6-11-91; Amended 9-20-2018.]

**Court Comment**

This rule makes no change in the operation of the Supreme Court and State Law Library. It merely spells out the duties of the state law librarian as they now exist, and in that regard it is not all-inclusive.

This rule is promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Alabama Constitution of 1901, Amendment 328, § 6.11, and Alabama Code 1975, §§ 12-2-150, -151, and -157.

**Note from the reporter of decisions:** The order amending Rule 39 effective September 20, 2018, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from ____ So. 3d.