ATTORNEYS--Bar Cards

Policy

The State of Michigan issues a bar card to members of the bar and that card is good for admission to the library. Other states' bar cards should also be honored. Bar cards from Michigan have expiration dates on them. Those from other states vary.

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The bar card should be currently valid. If not, refer person to Reference for appropriate pass.

People without bar cards

Some states do not issue bar cards to their members (New York for one). In that case, if the person claims to be a member of the bar and seems legitimate, let the person in and tell them to apply for a Research Pass if they want to use the library on a regular basis. It will just make it simpler for them to get in on a repeated basis.

Imposters

Sometimes a person presents a bar card, but everything about the person suggests he/she is a student, not a lawyer. Ask to see a second piece of ID in that case. If a person cannot produce a piece of ID (e.g. driver's license) that confirms identity, ask Reference to decide on admission.

People studying for the bar

These people are frequently graduates of the U of M, but may be a graduate of any nearby law school. Refer law school graduates who are studying for the bar to Reference to apply for a research pass.

Lexcalibur

Attorneys may not be in Lexcalibur. If you do not find a record in Lexcalibur, admit the person, but if her or she is going to be a regular library user, suggest going to the desk on S-2 to get a patron record entered.