

BJRI WEBSITE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND PUBLIC ACCESS GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

BLACK JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Digital Library and Public Access Governance Framework

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to establish the website governance, digital library management, safeguarding, public-access, and responsible information governance principles governing the online activities of the Black Justice Research Institute (“BJRI”).

The Institute recognises that digital archive systems and public-access repositories should support safeguarding awareness, procedural fairness, evidential discipline, lawful conduct, and responsible public-interest engagement.

2. CORE DIGITAL GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Institute supports:

- responsible digital governance,
- safeguarding awareness,
- lawful conduct,
- evidential discipline,
- procedural fairness,
- analytical restraint,
- and responsible public-access systems.

The Institute rejects:

- manipulative publication practices,
- inflammatory communication behaviour,
- harassment campaigns,
- coercive digital conduct,
- reckless archive management,
- and speculative allegation presented as established fact.

3. DIGITAL LIBRARY PRINCIPLES

The Institute recognises the importance of responsible digital archive systems supporting:

- institutional continuity,
- research accessibility,
- evidential preservation,
- safeguarding awareness,
- and public-interest educational activity.

Digital libraries associated with the Institute should therefore remain proportionate, carefully documented, safeguarding-aware, and consistent with lawful conduct obligations.

4. PUBLIC ACCESS PRINCIPLES

Public-access systems associated with the Institute should support:

- procedural fairness,
- responsible information access,
- evidential clarity,
- safeguarding awareness,
- and lawful communication standards.

The Institute recognises that archived material may require contextual interpretation and should not automatically be treated as establishing verified conclusions.

5. EVIDENTIAL DISCIPLINE

The Institute distinguishes between:

- verified fact,
- allegation,
- disputed claim,
- reported experience,
- hypothesis,
- inference,
- perception,
- and speculation.

Digital publication activity should therefore avoid presenting allegation or speculation as verified fact without appropriate evidential foundation.

6. SAFEGUARDING RESPONSIBILITIES

The Institute recognises safeguarding obligations within:

- digital publication activity,
- online communications,
- archive management,
- governance documentation,
- and public research accessibility.

Digital activity should therefore avoid unsafe escalation practices and support responsible safeguarding standards.

7. CYBER-SECURITY AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE

The Institute recognises:

- cyber-security responsibilities,
- digital safeguarding risks,
- reputational safeguarding considerations,
- and responsible information governance obligations.

Digital systems should therefore support:

- careful archive management,
- responsible access control,
- lawful information handling,
- and evidential preservation where appropriate.

8. PUBLIC TRUST AND INSTITUTIONAL CREDIBILITY

The Institute recognises that institutional legitimacy depends substantially upon:

- safeguarding seriousness,
- evidential discipline,
- lawful conduct,
- procedural fairness,
- proportionality,
- and responsible digital institutional stewardship.

9. CONCLUSION

The Institute's digital library and public-access governance framework is grounded in evidential discipline, safeguarding awareness, procedural fairness, lawful conduct, analytical restraint, and responsible institutional archive management.

The Institute supports calm, proportionate, evidence-based, and procedurally fair digital governance practices consistent with long-term institutional credibility.