



# LAW

## Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Define "Law." Tell some of its sources. Describe functions it serves.
- 2) Discuss TWO of the following:
  - A) The Justinian Code, The Code of Hammurabi, and the Magna Carta.
  - B) The development of the jury system.
  - C) Two famous trials in history.
- 3) Tell what civil law is; tell what criminal law is. Tell the main differences between them. Give examples of each.
- 4) Ask five people (not more than one from your immediate family) about the role of law enforcement officers in our society. Discuss their answers with them. Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask him about his responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.
- 5) Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller. Tell about several organizations that provide help to consumers and sellers.
- 6) Do ONE of the following:
  - A) Attend a session of a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.
  - B) Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.
- 7) Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government agency. Find out his or her duties and responsibilities. Report what you have learned.
- 8) Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state. Describe how judges are selected in your state.
- 9) Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes. Tell which you prefer. Why?
- 10) Tell where people can go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one. Tell what you can do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area.
- 11) Discuss with your counselor the importance of TWO of the following areas of law that have recently emerged and are still developing:
  - A) Environmental Law
  - B) Computers and the Internet
  - C) Copyright and the Internet
  - D) Space travel and satellites orbiting the earth

### Requirement 1

Define "Law": \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What are some of the sources of law? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the functions that law serves: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Requirement 2

You have been given three options for this requirement. Select and complete TWO of them.

If you selected *Option A*:

What is the Justinian Code and what does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is the Code of Hammurabi and what does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is the Magna Carta and what does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you selected *Option B*:

Discuss the development of the jury system: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you selected *Option C*:

Discuss and describe two famous trials in history: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 3**

What is Civil Law? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give an example of Civil Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is Criminal Law? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give an example of Criminal Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are the main differences between Civil Law and Criminal Law? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 4**

Ask five people about the role of law. Discuss their answer with them and report your findings below.

Person 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer & Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer & Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Person 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer & Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Person 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer & Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Person 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer & Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Go to a law enforcement officer in your neighborhood and ask him about his responsibilities and duties.

Officer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities & Duties: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Use the area below to list any thoughts or discoveries you have made after talking to the five people and the officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Requirement 5

Tell about several laws that were passed to protect the consumer and the seller:

Law 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Law 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Law 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tell about several organizations that provide help to consumers and sellers:

Organization 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organization 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organization 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Organization 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 7**

Arrange a visit with a lawyer who works for a business, bank, title company, or government agency. Find out their duties and responsibilities. After your visit, use the area below to report your findings.

Who did you visit with? \_\_\_\_\_ Who do they work for? \_\_\_\_\_

What are their main duties & responsibilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What else did you learn from this experience? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 8**

What are the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe how judges are selected in your state? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Requirement 9**

Make a list of 15 jobs which deal with some aspect of law or legal processes.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Which job do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Requirement 10**

Where can a person go to obtain the help of a lawyer if they are unable to pay for one? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What can you do if you can afford a lawyer but do not know of any in your area? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Requirement 11

Discuss with your counselor the importance of TWO of the following areas of law that have recently emerged and are still developing:

Environmental Law: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Computers and the Internet: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Copyright and the Internet: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Space travel and satellites orbiting the earth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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