

LAW MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Law merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

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Name:

REQUIREMENT 1: Define "law." Tell some of its sources. Describe functions it serves.

REQUIREMENT 2: Discuss TWO of the following:

REQUIREMENT 2 A: Justinian's Code, the Code of Hammurabi, and the Magna Carta

REQUIREMENT 2 B: The development of the jury system

REQUIREMENT 2 C: Two famous trials in history

REQUIREMENT 3: Tell what civil law is; tell what criminal law is. Tell the main differences between them. Give examples of each.

Civil law

Criminal law

REQUIREMENT 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 about his or her responsibilities and duties. Report your findings.

First person

Second person

Third person

Fourth person

Fifth person

Law enforcement officer

REQUIREMENT 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.

REQUIREMENT 6: Do ONE of the following:

REQUIREMENT 6 A: Attend a session of a civil or criminal court. Write 250 words or more on what you saw.

Attended session

Wrote report

REQUIREMENT 6 B: Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.

Planned and conducted a mock trial

Discussed the trial with the group

REQUIREMENT 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.

REQUIREMENT 8: Explain the requirements for becoming a lawyer in your state. Describe how judges are selected in your state.

REQUIREMENT 9: Make a list of 15 jobs that deal with some aspects of law or legal processes. Tell which you prefer. Why?

REQUIREMENT 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.

REQUIREMENT 11: Discuss with your counselor the importance in our society of TWO of the following areas of the law:

- a. Environmental law
- b. Computers and the internet
- c. Copyright and the internet
- d. Immigration

- e. Patents
- f. Biotechnology
- g. Privacy law
- h. International law