



Law

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

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 about his or her 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:

- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____

- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____
- 13. _____
- 14. _____
- 15. _____

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

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: [BSA Troop 780](#) -or- usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

Requirement Resources

These resources and much more are at: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Law>

- 1. [Definition, Overview, History, etc.](#) - [Definiton of "Law"](#) - [Sources of Law](#)
- 2a. [The Code of Hammurabi](#) [Another source](#) - [Justinian Code](#) - [Another source](#) - [Magna Carta](#) [What is the Magna Carta?](#)
- 2b. [History of the Jury System](#)
- 2c. [Famous Trials](#) - [Information on the Scopes "Monkey" Trial](#) - [Information on the Miranda v. Arizona Trial](#)
- 3. [Civil Law](#) & [Criminal Law](#) - [Differences between civil law and criminal law](#)
- 5. Consumer Protection laws & organizations:

[State Attorneys General](#) enforce state consumer laws and provide free assistance in investigating consumer complaints, issuing alerts, and insuring fair competition.

[Consumer Product Safety Act](#) - gives [CPSC](#) the power to develop safety standards and pursue recalls for products.

[Federal Trade Commission Act](#) - created the [FTC](#) to prevent unfair competition, deceptive acts, regulate trade, etc.

[Pure Food and Drug Act](#) - led to the creation of the [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#) to regulate foods, drugs, and more.

[Communications Act of 1934](#) - created the [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\)](#) to regulate all radio and interstate cable, phone, and satellite communications.

[National Do Not Call Registry](#) - Privacy - allows US consumers to limit telemarketing calls they receive.

[Fair Credit Reporting Act \(FRCA\)](#) - regulates the collection, dissemination, and use of consumer credit information

[Fair Debt Collection Practices Act \(FDCPA\)](#) - limits abusive consumer practices, insures fairness, etc.

[Truth in Lending Act \(TILA\)](#) - requires clear disclosure of key terms of the lending arrangement and all costs.

[Estate Settlement Procedures Act \(RESPA\)](#) - prohibits kickbacks and requires lenders to provide a good faith estimate of costs

[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)](#) - provides consumer protection for Health Information

[Federal Citizen Information Center](#) - provides information about consumer news items, recalls, and consumer scam alerts.

[Laws that protect the consumer](#)

[Better Business Bureau](#) - file a complaint or see if others have complained about a business

[Consumers Union](#) evaluates products and services and publishes [Consumer Reports](#)

7: [Job of an attorney](#)

8: [Legal Education](#) topics: [Bachelor's degree](#), [Law School](#), [Juris Doctor Degree](#), [Bar Exam](#), and [Federal Judge](#)

General Resources

American Bar Association: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/home.html>

Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/laws.htm>

National Youth Court Center: <http://www.youthcourt.net>

Social Studies School Service: <http://www.socialstudies.com>

Street Law Inc.: <http://www.streetlaw.org>