

THE LAW RULES



1. Why is Lady Justice blindfolded?
2. What do the scales represent and what do you notice about their position?
3. Why does she carry a sword?
4. What do the books and scrolls represent to her left?
5. Why is there a globe to her right?
6. Why is justice depicted as a woman?
7. How does this image and the observations you have made embody the basic principles of the rule of law?

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1. Justice is or should be blind – fair and impartial
2. The scales of justice are balanced because the law treats everyone equally.
3. The sword represents that justice has the power to enforce the laws – that citizens and government officials are bound by the law.
4. The books and scrolls are the body of accumulated law upon which justice and society stand.
5. The globe suggests that justice and the rule of law are universal and are necessary to preserve and protect individual rights, freedoms, liberty, and the community good.
6. Historically, women were often viewed as symbols of maternal protection, purity, goodness, and virtue; all of these qualities – protection, purity, goodness, and virtue – are associated with the rule of law.
7. The ROL is a universal ideal that guarantees equality and fairness to everyone before the law, protects those who suffer injustice at the hands of the government, groups, or individuals, and provides equal access to an independent and impartial judicial system. In the end, the law rules, not man.

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