

Law Merit Badge Workshop

April 19, 2024

AGENDA

8:45 a.m.	Doors Open, Arrive, and Clear Security <i>Gather in Bourcier Conference Room, 7th Floor</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Remarks <i>Supreme Court Courtroom, 7th Floor</i>	<i>Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell</i> <i>Introduced by Chief Justice (ret.)</i> <i>Frank J. Williams</i>
9:30 a.m.	Tour of the State Law Library, and Discussion of Legal Careers (#9) <i>State Law Library, 8th Floor</i>	<i>Colleen Hanna</i> , State Law Librarian
10:15 a.m.	<i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	BREAK
10:30 a.m.	Discussion about consumer protection laws and groups that help consumers and sellers (#5) <i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	<i>Stephen N. Provazza</i> <i>Chief, Consumer and Economic Justice Unit,</i> <i>RI Office of the Attorney General</i>
11:00 a.m.	Requirements for becoming a lawyer in Rhode Island (#8) <i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	<i>Nancy R. Mahoney</i> , Rhode Island Bar Administrator
11:30 a.m.	Where can people go to obtain the help of a lawyer if not able to pay? (#10) <i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	<i>David Leveillee</i> Staff Attorney Rhode Island Legal Services
noon	Legal profession, duties and responsibilities (#7); and Areas of the law (e.g., environmental, technology, intellectual property) (#11) <i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	LUNCH with <i>Lawyers from PS&H</i>
1:00 p.m.	Discussion with law enforcement officers regarding their responsibilities and duties (#4) <i>Bourcier Conf. Rm.</i>	<i>David M. DeCesare</i> Chief Sheriff State of RI Division of Sheriffs
1:30 p.m.	Definition of “law,” sources and functions (#1); Differences between civil and criminal law (#3) <i>Supreme Court Courtroom</i>	<i>William J. Trezvant</i> Associate Judge of R.I. District Court & BSA Board Member
2:00 p.m.	Discussion about legal history (#2); and selection of judges (#8) <i>Supreme Court Courtroom</i>	<i>Melissa E. Darigan</i> Associate Judge of R.I. Superior Court
2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Supreme Court Courtroom</i>	<i>Chief Justice (Ret.) Frank J. Williams</i>
2:45 p.m.		<i>Departure</i>

Merit Badge Prerequisites

(To be completed before program; can be done the day before on Apr 19, 2024)

#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.

[Bring to program to discuss]

(b) Plan and conduct a mock trial with your troop or school class. After the trial is over, discuss it with the group.

#9. Make a list of 15 jobs that deal with some aspects of law or legal processes.

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