

# BACKGROUND

## JUSTICIAR

You have served your city as a lawmaker or as an advocate or high-level enforcer of the law. Wielding a position of legal authority above mere guards and soldiers, you have exerted rulership over others, brought criminals to justice according to the law, or represented your fellow citizens in government; or perhaps you exploited your status for your own political gain or to benefit your allies. Whatever your motivations, you possess a breadth of knowledge of the law rarely seen among adventurers.

**Skill Proficiencies:** Insight, Persuasion

**Languages:** Two of your choice

**Equipment:** A uniform or clothes fitting of your position, an object signifying your authority (e.g. badge, gavel, license), a signet ring, sealing wax, and a purse containing 15 gp

## LEGAL OCCUPATION

There are many facets to law, from adjudicating or defending in the courts to creating new laws or enforcing them. Choose your position of legal authority, or roll on the following table.

| d8 Occupation        | d8 Occupation |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Attorney           | 5 Judge       |
| 2 Constable          | 6 Legislator  |
| 3 Diplomat           | 7 Marshal     |
| 4 Governor/Sovereign | 8 Warden      |

## FEATURE: LEGAL FAVOR

Thanks to your position of authority and familiarity with the law, you have a knack for getting yourself and your friends out of legal trouble. Even serious crimes may sometimes be met with relatively light punishments due to your wit and influence. In large cities, other justiciars (see example occupations above) are inclined to have a positive view of you and treat you, and those associated with you, with respect and civility.

## SUGGESTED CHARACTERISTICS

With a high degree of knowledge of the law and either a moral obligation to uphold it or an insidious desire to bend it in their favor, justiciars wield positions of political or legal power in civilized society. They are often uncomfortable in situations where their authority and influence holds little to no weight, whether it be in an unfamiliar town or in the wilderness.

### d6 Personality Trait

- 1 I cope with the lawlessness of uncivilized lands by imposing nonsense rules upon the local populace, be they humanoids, beasts, or otherwise.
- 2 My mind is filled with countless laws, and I have stories about every single one of them being broken.
- 3 When presented with an unfamiliar law or cultural practice in a new land, I can't help but share how things are done where I come from.
- 4 I joyously cheer on others, almost annoyingly so, and publicly praise their hard work and accomplishments.
- 5 I seek out crime or injustice where there isn't any.
- 6 I use my knowledge of the law to help me and my friends circumvent it.

### d6 Ideal

- 1 **Impartiality.** Every scenario must be approached completely objectively and centered in truth. (Neutral)
- 2 **Justice.** No one is above the law, and it is my duty to enforce that. (Lawful)
- 3 **Privilege.** Those working within the law have the authority and power to not be subject to it. (Evil)
- 4 **Responsibility.** It is my duty to protect and serve the most vulnerable among us. (Good)
- 5 **Idealism.** The legal system is an effective tool for rehabilitation and is necessary to society. (Lawful)
- 6 **Aspiration.** I seek, first and foremost, to leave this world a better place than how I entered it. (Any)

### d6 Bond

- 1 I'm responsible for the incarceration of a powerful crime boss and must always be on alert for the enduring reach of their influence.
- 2 I come from a family of great political power, and I must do my best to uphold the integrity of my family's name.
- 3 Someone who was guilty slipped through my fingers. I will stop at nothing to see them brought to justice.
- 4 I would do anything for my former associates.
- 5 A powerful person is responsible for the death of someone I loved. Someday, I will avenge them, even if it means working outside the law.
- 6 I was born into poverty and will ensure the power that has been given to me is used to better the lives of those who are similarly disadvantaged.

### d6 Flaw

- 1 I unquestioningly enforce the letter of the law.
- 2 I am quick to assume the guilt of others in positions of power.
- 3 I dispense punishment disproportionately based on my biases.
- 4 I'll turn a blind eye to law and order if the end result advances my goals.
- 5 I don't mind exploiting my position for gifts and favors.
- 6 I made a deal to advance my seat of power, and now I'm indebted to those who helped me.