

Lady Justice

(a.k.a. "Scales of Justice" and "Blind Justice")



While it goes by many names, the most popular are Lady Justice, Scales of Justice, and Blind Justice. The statue dates its origins from ancient Greek and Roman times as the lady represented is Themis, the goddess of justice and law. Well known for her clear sightedness, she typically holds a sword in one hand and scales in the other.

The **scales** that she holds represent the impartiality (not taking sides) with which justice is served and the **sword** signifies the power that is held by those making the decision. During the 16th century, artists started showing the lady **blindfolded** to show that justice is not subject to influence. From this, the statue earned the name Blind Justice.