

Responsibility or Obligation?

**What's
the
difference?**

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE...

■ Responsibility?

■ *Being
accountable to
somebody or for
something;*

GIVE EXAMPLES OF A...

■ Responsibility

- Owning a pet
- Cleaning your room
- Doing chores
- Getting good grades
- Doing homework



HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE...

Obligation?

*something that must be done because
of legal requirements*

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary.”

- James Madison

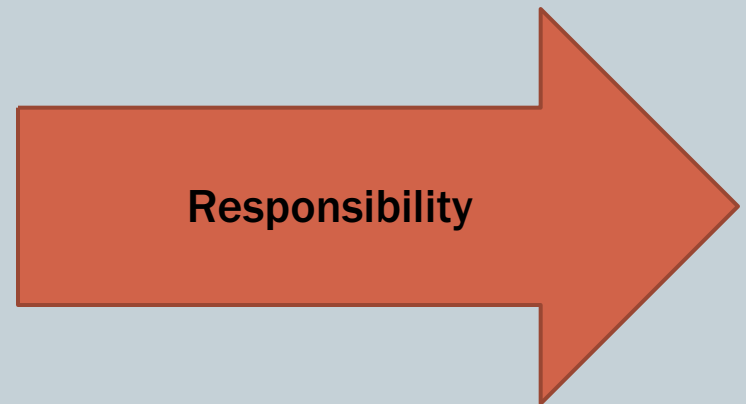
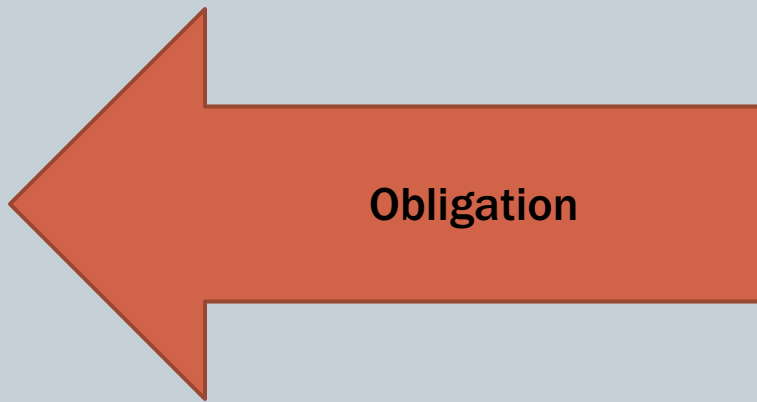
Give examples of An Obligation

- Obey the law
- Pay taxes
- Register for selective service
- Serve on juries



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE...

1. Read the situation posted on the slides.
2. If you think it is a responsibility, mark it on your paper and you will go to the right side of the room.
3. If you think it is an obligation, mark it on your paper and go to the left side of the room.



Warm up

There are a lot of stray animals on the street. You decide to pick up a stray cat you see wandering through your neighborhood and take it home.

Is picking up a stray animal a responsibility or an obligation?



Obligation



Responsibility

Scenario 1

About 605,000 of Florida's 2.6 million students are in middle school (grades 6-8).

Is attending school a responsibility or an obligation for middle school students?



Obligation



Responsibility

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Obligation!

Florida Law (Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes) states that *all children who are either six years of age, who will be six years old by February 1 of any school year, or who are older than six years of age but who have not attained the age of 16 years, must attend school regularly during the entire school term.* A student who attains the age of 16 years during the school year is not subject to compulsory attendance...if he/she files a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the school district.



Obligation



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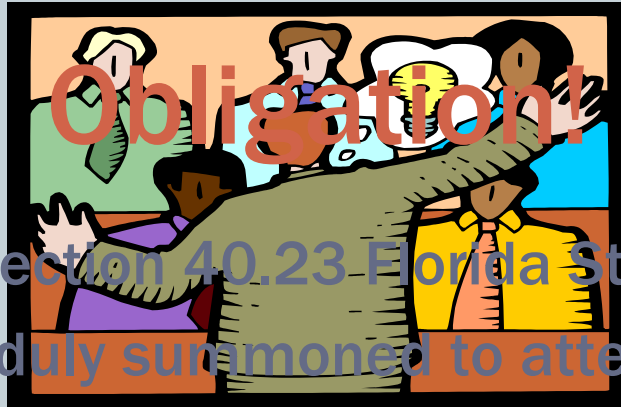
Scenario 2

Mark, a realtor in Springfield, Florida, receives a summons for jury duty. He serves on a jury for two weeks listening to testimony about a robbery that took place and determining the verdict for the case along with his fellow jurors.

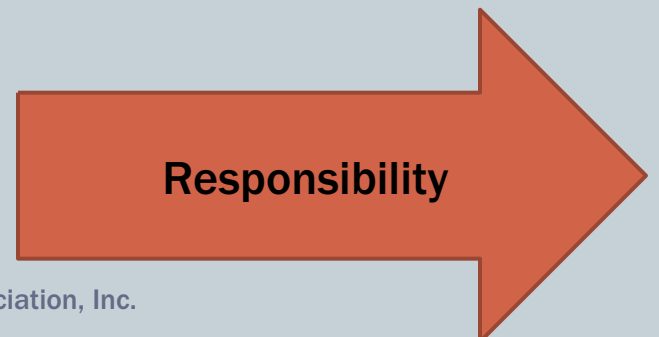
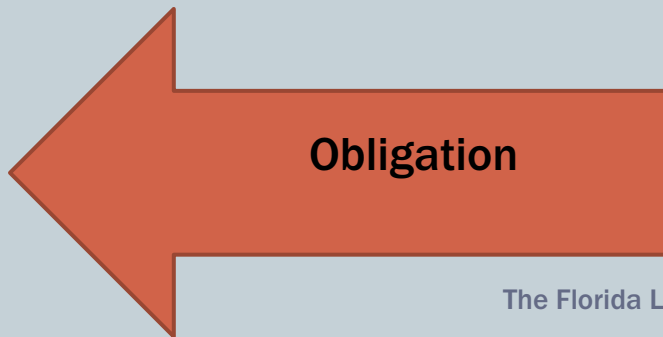
Is Mark's service on a jury a responsibility or an obligation?



IS MARK'S SERVICE ON A JURY A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

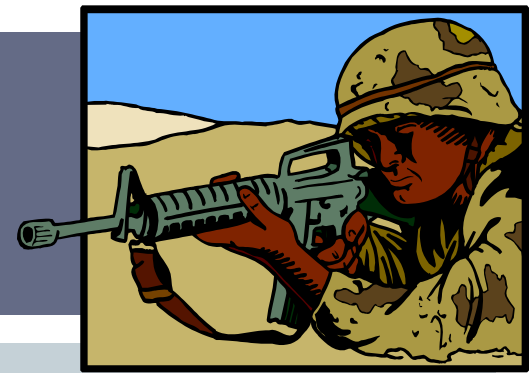


Florida law (Section 40.23 Florida Statutes) states that any person who is duly summoned to attend as a juror in any court and who fails to attend without any sufficient excuse shall pay a fine not to exceed \$100, which fine shall be imposed by the court to which the juror was summoned, and, in addition, such failure may be considered in contempt of court.





Scenario 3



On his 18th birthday, Marshall went online and registered for the selective service.

This means that in a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth.

Is Marshall's registering for the selective service a responsibility or an obligation?

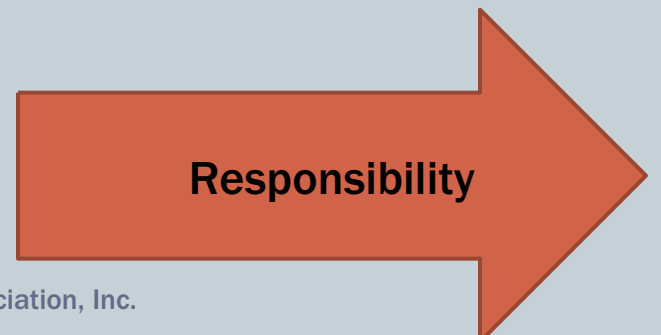
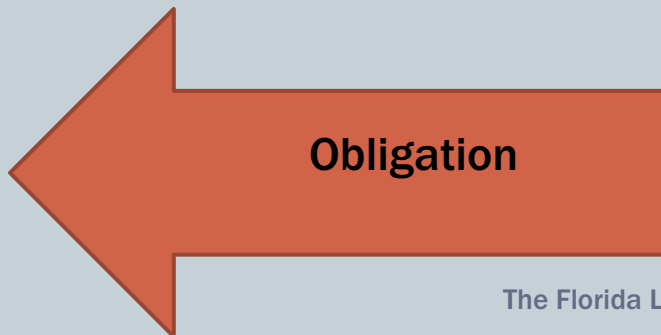
IS MARSHALL'S REGISTERING FOR THE SELECTIVE SERVICE A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

Obligation!

From the Military Selective Training and Service Act (sections 451 to 471) of the United States, and on the day or days fixed by law, or on the day or days fixed by the President and by rule or regulation, of the ages of eighteen and such time or times as are determined by proclamation of the President and by rule or regulation of the Secretary of War, it is the duty of every male citizen of the United States, who, at the time of his registration, is between the ages of eighteen and thirty, to submit to registration at such place and at such time as shall be



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Scenario 4



Shauna did not like a policy that was recently passed by the state legislature. She decided to create a petition supported by members of her community and included a copy of the petition in a letter to her Representative.

Is petitioning the government a responsibility or an obligation?



IS PETITIONING THE GOVERNMENT A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

Responsibility!

Why would you say petitioning the government is a responsibility?



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Scenario 5

Tax returns are due by midnight April 15th, so long as April 15th is not a weekend. John forgot to complete a tax return and thought it really was not a big deal – he could just wait until next year.

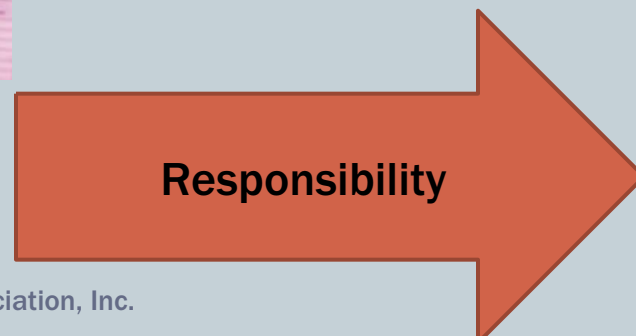
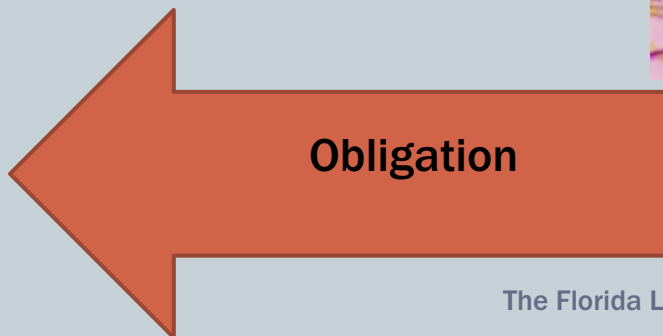
Is the filing of a federal tax return a responsibility or an obligation?



Is the filing of a federal tax return a responsibility or an obligation?

Obligation!

- When it comes to filing a federal tax return, the law provides that the IRS can assess a penalty if you fail to file, fail to pay or both.



Scenario 6

Mariselle wakes up at 5:00 a.m. to go to the polls for the national elections so she can vote before she has to go to work.

Is voting in an election a responsibility or an obligation?

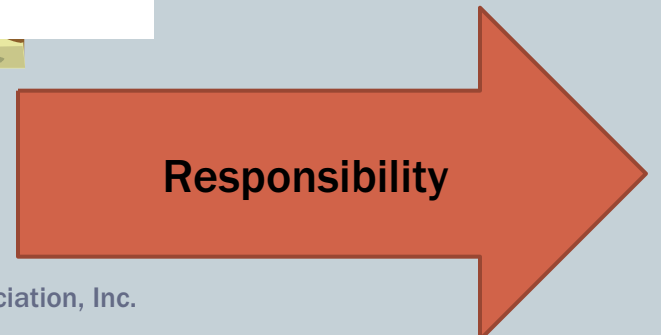
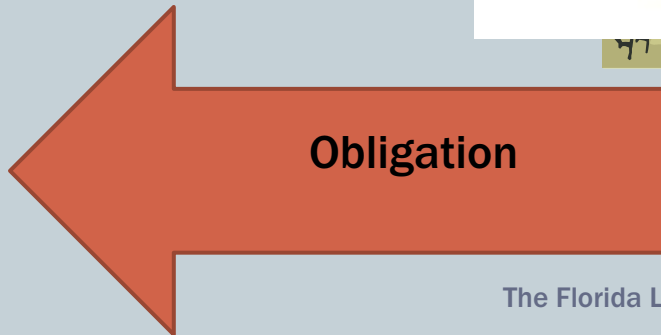


IS VOTING IN AN ELECTION A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?



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Scenario 7

Jackie is going to the grocery store and puts her 2 year old in a car seat in the back seat of the car.



Is using a car seat for a child a responsibility or an obligation?

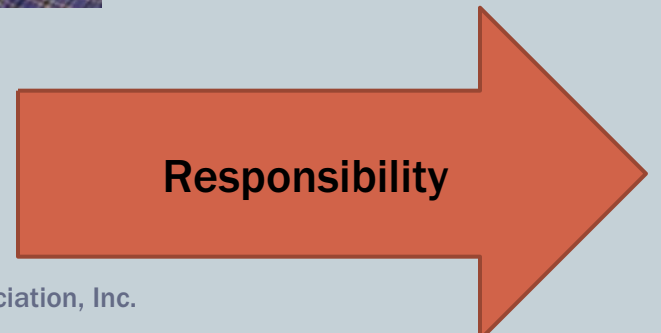
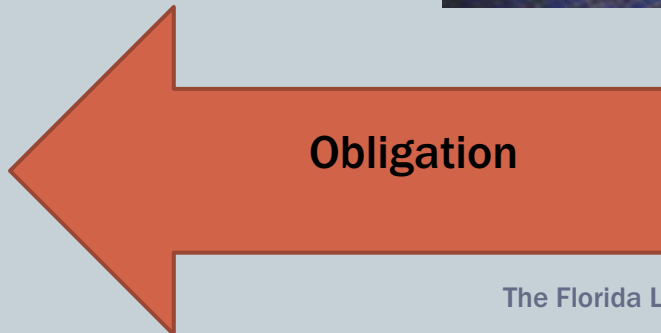
IS USING A CAR SEAT FOR A CHILD A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

- 316.613 Child restraint seats for children age 3 must be secured in a vehicle in accordance with the manufacturer's integrated instructions. Children who are at least one year old and weigh at least 20 pounds should be semi-upright and forward-facing. An older child should ride side-by-side with the driver.
- Violation of the child restraint law is a traffic infraction and 3 points on the driving record.

Source: Broward Sheriff's Office, <http://sheriff.org/safe>



requires...children through age 3 (in a car seat) or in a vehicle must ride rear-facing until they are at least one year old and 20 pounds. After rear-facing, the infant should be forward-facing in a car seat with a harness and 3 points on the driving record.



Scenario 8

Susan spends her Saturday mornings volunteering doing crafts with seniors at the local senior center.



Is Susan's community service a responsibility or obligation?

IS SUSAN'S COMMUNITY SERVICE A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

Responsibility!

Why would you say volunteering in your community is a responsibility?



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Scenario 9

Jacob was charged with shoplifting from a local store. He will be serving a 100 hour sentence volunteering to pick up trash in his community.



Is Jacob's community service a responsibility or obligation?

IS JACOB'S COMMUNITY SERVICE A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

Obligation!

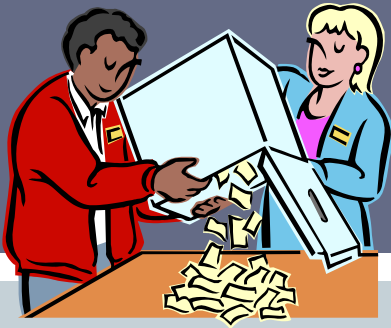
Because Jacob's community service is a sentence for a crime he committed, he is required to complete this service to the community. If he does not, there is a strong chance he will serve time in jail at the discretion of the judge.



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Scenario 10



Juan doesn't think his neighborhood association is running efficiently. He decides to run for president of the association in order to correct problems in his neighborhood.

Is running for an office in civic organization a responsibility or an obligation?

IS RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE IN CIVIC ORGANIZATION A RESPONSIBILITY OR AN OBLIGATION?

Responsibility!

Why would you say running for office is a responsibility?



Obligation

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Remember:

- **In order for our government to work in our best interests, it is in our best interest to work with our government.**

- **Participation is the key to the success of our government.**