

Civil Court #2

I, Sir Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain-Annecy von Hapsburg y Montserrat, Imperial Prince, do hereby request a Civil Court to clarify the following question: May a Prosecutor act as his own Judge Advocate in a Court of Chivalry?

The quoted law is this from II.B from the Codex Adjudicata:

B. COURTS OF CHIVALRY

Knights are afforded the right to be judged by their peers. A Court of Chivalry is conducted by a Magistrate and three (3) Knights. Commoners may be judged by a Court of Chivalry, at the commoners' request (if granted by the Crown) or the order of the Crown. (Note: the Imperial bylaws do not require the Crown to agree to a commoner's request to a Court of Chivalry.) The Court of Chivalry is an alternate court of justice, and those procedures apply, except as provided here, or in the Bylaws.

1. Members of the Court

The accused Knight shall designate one Knight to act as his advocate on the Court. The complainant shall likewise designate one Knight. The advocates shall meet and confer and select a third Knight to act as Arbiter. A vote of any two Knights shall be binding. A vote of any two members of the council shall be binding. If the Court determines the accused is guilty they shall recommend a punishment to the Crown. The Crown shall not reject the recommendation of the Court without just and stated cause.

Sir Jehan quoted an out of date version of the Codex Adjudicata. The above Section is the new version. The new Codex no longer has any reference to bias. A Court of Chivalry is more like a mundane civil court. There isn't an official Prosecutor or defending Advocate, instead there is the complainant and the plaintiff. Either of them can act as their own advocate if they are Knights. Essentially they are trying to convince the third Knight to rule in their favor. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of this Court that the "Prosecutor" can act as his own Knight Advocate if he is a Knight. Also, the defendant may act as his own Knight Advocate if he is a Knight.