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the Chaplain with the current  
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Class IV and SO Orgs.)*

CHAPLAIN'S COURT

CIVIL HEARINGS

As many matters come before Ethics which are not properly Ethics but civil matters (i.e., between other persons), a Chaplain's Court Section is formed in Division 6B, Dept 17C, Dept of the Chaplain for Class IV Orgs. In SO Orgs a Chaplain Courts Unit is formed in Division 6C, Dept 18B, Department of the Chaplain.

The Chaplain's Court Officer or I/C is located in this Section/Unit.

A permanent presiding judiciary who must be a minister may be appointed called an Arbiter where activities warrant.

The Chaplain's Court Officer or I/C (or the permanent or part time assisting Arbiter) presides over all Court Hearings and renders judgement.

The organization of this activity is similar to any civil proceedings and may, when conditions warrant, have clerks and other personnel.

The Court may charge reasonable fees and has these as its statistic.

Only Civil Matters may be heard or judged.

All Ethics matters must be referred to Ethics.

JUSTICE

Reasonably priced and easily obtained justice are requisites to any civilization.

The purpose of the Chaplain's Court Section/Unit is to resolve matters of dispute between individuals.

Staff personnel, pcs, students and Scientologists may utilize this Court Section/Unit to resolve their own disputes or legal affairs.

Staff members may not be sued by reason of performance of their org duties, as this belongs to Ethics where such complaint may be made.

Any suit filed must be against the person who actually personally knew and damaged the individual suing by an action directed personally against the plaintiff, except for suits to remove Ethics orders.

The org, a division, department or section may only be sued to obtain restoration of status, to revoke or alter Ethics orders or obtain service which was denied such as auditing time to right an omission. The org or any part of it may not be sued for financial damages or refund.

Preliminary hearings only can be given in divorce matters at this time as these must also have state action before any such findings can be considered legal in the eyes of the state. However, separation may be found, both parties consenting.

Collection of debt and remedy in defaulting on obligation may be sought from the court.

#### REBUTTAL DAMAGES

If a person who is sued has reason, he can, as defendant, require damages in his rebuttal and should the suit be fallacious and found against the plaintiff such cases may be awarded.

#### COSTS

Costs may be recovered as part of damages, meaning costs of court action.

#### EXTENT OF DAMAGES

Any damages assigned by the Court must be reasonable and in keeping with reality.

#### ETHICS RELATIONS

Ethics may route civil matters to the Chaplain's Court Section/Unit.

In return in matters of perjury or the collection of damages awarded by the Court, the Court Section/Unit may refer the matter to Ethics.

#### REFUND SUITS

Suits for refund fees may not be filed as this is an Ethics matter.

#### LRH SUITS

Suits against LRH or the Guardian, Board members, executive secretaries or secretaries are not accepted by the Court.

#### WRONGFUL ETHICS ACTIONS

HCO may be sued in the Court for erroneous issue of an Ethics Order and for no other action. Damages requested may not exceed \$5 or an order apologizing or restoration of status.

BONUS ACTIONS

All bonus matters or disputes between or amongst Tech, Qual and Treasury or their personnel may be heard by the Court Section/Unit.

STAFF MEMBER DISPUTES

Personal disputes between staff members even when org business is concerned may be heard by the Chaplain's Court.

FAILURE TO ABIDE

Failure to abide by a Court Finding may become an Ethics matter.

JURY

When requested and allowed by the *Chaplain's Court Officer or I/C*, a jury of three persons may be chosen and used. The persons chosen must be agreed upon by both litigants.

ATTORNEYS

Anyone may act as an attorney in the Court Section/Unit.

Professional attorneys may appear before it.

No attorney is required.

PROCEDURES

All procedures for the Chaplain's Court Section/Unit are developed by and all magisterial appointments are made by the *Chaplain's Court Officer or I/C* in the form of *Public Division Executive Directives*. All fees are set in this manner. The *Chaplain's Court Officer or I/C* and the Court and such *Executive Directives* may be over-ruled only by the Guardian, . . . an Assistant Guardian or Chaplain in a senior org; or, when ordered, standardized amongst orgs by the *Senior Chaplain at Flag or the Int Service Product Officer*.

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