

## Gold Law in the Camarilla Chronicle

This document is not intended to be a substitute for purchasing perfectly good White Wolf books. Rather, it is a useful reference point for those characters playing Silver Ladder or other experts in Atlantean Law.

This is the 'Skeleton Document' – the basic precepts and canon defined Gold Law that make up the most commonly known laws and procedures of Atlantean Society. It is the intent in future to add a number of plot points, items for research and political debate. In the meantime, it is important to get the basic information available to Silver Ladder players to start getting the law paid attention to.

### Undisputed

This section lists those sections of Gold Law that are undisputed and widely used. Claiming that these laws are outright invalid is a quick way to be considered not to be a proper Silver Ladder, or not a supporter of the Silver Ladder.

#### **Great Rights** (*Silver Ladder, P71, Sanctum & Sigil pp26 – 32*)

The Right of Crossing, Right of Emeritus, Right of Hospitality, Right of Nemesis and Right of Sanctuary are undisputed Gold Law. The precise wording is that given on P26 of Sanctum & Sigil, but a vast maze of precedent and tradition surround these simple wordings. This is represented by the following discussions in Sanctum & Sigil about interpretations and enforcement.

#### **Right of Mages to challenge another to legally binding duel on neutral ground**

(*Silver Ladder, P71*)

As explained in the Silver Ladder book, the right to duelling is undisputed, but tradition and procedure over the duel itself is not set in Gold Law. While most interpret this to be the Duel Arcane, and traditionalist Silver Ladder may look down their noses at alternatives, a Lictor will usually find that all is required by Gold Law is the duel, not the individual method of the duel.

### Commonly Held

This section lists those sections of Gold Law that the vast majority of Ladder agree with, but that you can dispute and only be regarded as a bit of an eccentric rather than antithetical to the beliefs of the Silver Ladder. More traditional Silver Ladder may, however, look askance.

#### **Common Precepts** (*Sanctum & Sigil pp57 – 62*)

The common precepts listed in Sanctum & Sigil are not noted in the Silver Ladder book as Gold Law, but I feel it is appropriate for them to be commonly held to be according to the Law of Harmony. As they are implemented by Law of Harmony, it is the general concept and spirit of the precepts that is accepted. Some Silver Ladder will feel certain of the Precepts listed run counter to the Elemental Precepts and thus interpret them very differently, believing the Elemental Precepts to have precedence.

#### **The right of a Guardian of the Veil Interceptor to murder** (*Silver Ladder P72, Guardians of the Veil, pp59 – 60*)

The first and most important point to note that this does not under any circumstances mean that the Silver Ladder believe that the Guardians can ignore the law. Rather, an Interceptor is a very specific Consilium position who works for the Hierarch. The Guardian of the Veil book lists the circumstances under which an Interceptor may act, their immunity to duelling and the ritual nature of their 'taint'.

This law is heavily debated. Some believe the evidence around this law was faked by the Guardians of the Veil. Others note the position is not a required one but has certain powers if appointed by a Hierarch and Council. Still others debate the circumstances under which an Interceptor may avoid a duel. A common interpretation is that the identity of the Interceptor is hidden, so the position may not be duelled, but the individual behind the mask may be.