

10. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the right of the categories of persons designated in paragraph 9 to bring suit as plaintiffs in German courts.

11. The court shall have the same functions and powers generally exercised by trial courts in similar causes of action in the United States, except as limited or modified in this Ordinance. A public trial shall be held at which the parties may appear in person or by counsel and may examine and cross-examine witnesses and may introduce evidence including depositions as permitted by the court in its sound discretion. Decision shall be based on the record so developed. Ancillary and ex parte matters, including motions, may be informally heard in chambers.

12. Military personnel and personnel of Military Government, as well as others subject to the jurisdiction of the court, shall recognize and obey all process and orders of the court.

13. Military officers and officials of Military Government shall aid in making it possible for all litigants properly to present their cases. Such officers and officials shall freely permit the interviewing of witnesses and the inspection of pertinent records by proper parties and shall facilitate the availability of parties and witnesses in causes and their attendance in court when required. The court shall grant such reasonable postponements and enter such orders in aid of a full investigation of the facts of a case as may be necessary to meet the ends of justice.

14. There shall be no jury trials. *

15. No suit may be filed in this court after the period of six months has elapsed from, the accrual of the cause of action, except that the six-months period shall not run during the time any defendant is not present within the United States Zone, the United States Sector of Berlin, or Bremen Enclave. If service of summons is not made upon the defendant within six months after suit is filed, the court may dismiss the action unless plaintiff shows to the court that failure to serve was because the defendant cannot be found or is outside its jurisdiction.