

## Edict of Pavia on Single Combat Emperor Otto I

Trans. W. North from the edition of L. Weiland. MGH *Constitutiones. Legum Sectio IV.1.*  
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This text, which reflects the position of the capitulary of Verona (967) on judicial combat, is preserved solely in an eleventh-century manuscript of Justinian's *Institutions* preserved in Bamberg (D.II.3 (olim D. 32)).

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CHAPTER OF OTTO THE GREAT, EMPEROR OF THE ROMANS, ISSUED IN PAVIA IN THE YEAR OF  
THE LORD'S INCARNATION 971.

If there should be dissension or a struggle over property between churches or different nobles or different free men, or between a church and an individual, let it be decided by combat. If he does not dare to do so, let their property be rendered to the fisc and let their property be rendered to the church or the individual to whom it belongs in justice.