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**WOMEN AS ARBITERS AND LEGAL DEFENDERS IN MIDDLE HIGH
GERMAN VERSE NARRATIVES: WITH A FOCUS ON RITTER
ALEXANDER AND KAISER LUCIUS' TOCHTER**

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***Abstract:** This study questions to what amount medieval poet might have now imagined the option that women could hold their own at legal judges, defending themselves or others, especially husbands. Though in most cases women could only appear before a judge and argue as a lawyer if they were camouflaged as men, the literary forecast indicates that it was at least conceivable that women could enjoy a high level of expert also within the world of the laws. This is supported here by orientations to other important women with great authority in a diversity of literary texts. The sturdiest evidence for the claim obtainable here can be found in the verse stories Ritter Alexander and Kaiser Lucius' Tochter*

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