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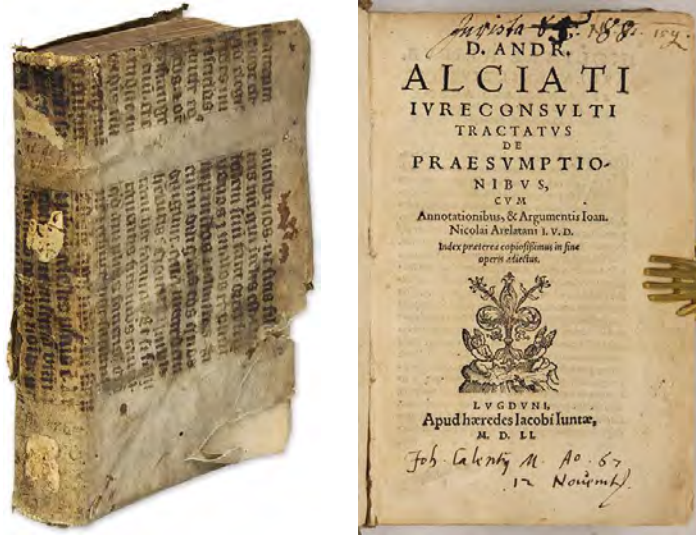
Verse Epitome of a Classic Penitential Manual

1. [Adam, Magister (13th c.)].
[Penaforte, Raymond of [c.1175-c.1240]].

Summula Sacramentorum Raymundi de Pennaforte Metrificata. Cologne: [Retro Minores (Martin von Werden?)], for Heinrich Quentell, 18 July 1500]. [i], 148, [7] ff. Collation: a-s6 t-v4 x-z6, aa-cc6, dd4. Leaf x2 (Fol. CXVII) lacking. Quarto (8" x 5-5/8"; 20.5 x 14cm).

Nineteenth-century quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn. 46-line text in single column, printed manicules, capital spaces left blank. Moderate toning, occasional dampstaining, light soiling to preliminary and final leaves, first leaf beginning to detach, contemporary or early annotations to several leaves, three full pages of annotations to rear endleaves. \$9,500.

* Attributed to Magister Adam (Adamus), a 13th-century Cistercian monk from Aldersbach, lower Bavaria, the *Summula* is an epitome in verse of Raymond of Peñafort's authoritative *Summa de Poenitentia et Matrimonio* with commentary and interlinear glosses. More than a list of sins and suggested penances, this work discussed pertinent doctrinal and canon-law doctrines that pertained to the issue brought to the confessor. In this edition Adam's verse summary is accompanied by a detailed prose commentary on the *Summa*. It also contains the text of the *Summa*, along with Raymond's commentary on the trees of consanguinity and affinity, which indicated if couples were permitted to marry based on their degree of blood kinship. The ISTC locates 4 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley Law School, Yale). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* A48. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 216. [Order This Item](#)



Notable Sixteenth-Century Treatises on Presumption, Legal Writing and the *Corpus Juris Civilis*

2. Alciati, Andrea[s] [1492-1550].

Nicolas, Jean [16th C.], Editor.

Tractatus de Praesumptionibus, Cum Annotationibus, & Argumentis Ioan. Nicolai Arelatani I.V.D. Index Praeterea Copiosissimus in Fine Operis Adiectus. Lyon: Apud Haeredes Jacobi Iuntae, 1551. 415, [57] pp.

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Raymundus, Jean (Joannes).

Epistolarum Legalium, In Quibus Varii Iuris Articuli Continentur, Libri Tres. Scholijs, In Gratiam Iuvenum Singulas Epistolas Illustrantibus, Adiectis. Lyon: Apud Gulielmum Rouillium, 1549. 174, [2] pp.

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Oldendorp, Johann [1488-1567].

Titulorum Iuris Civilis Index, Pristiniae Respondens Gravitati. Imperatorum, Ac Jurisconsultorum Catalogus. Item, Regulae Iuris, Ad Locos Communes Redactae. Lyon: Apud Seb. Gryphium, 1551. 142 pp.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary limp vellum derived from a manuscript leaf. Moderate soiling and staining, wear to spine ends, chip near center of spine, lower corner of front cover mostly perished, fore-edge of rear cover worn, fore-edges of nine preceding leaves with diminishing degrees of wear and no loss to text, front hinge partially cracked. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, early owner signature to title page of *Tractatus*, brief early annotations in a few other places. \$1,850.

* *Tractatus*: later edition; *Epistolarum*, only edition; *Titulorum*: second edition. An important Italian humanist and professor of law at Avignon, Bologna, Milan, Padua, Ferrara and Bourges, Alciati was one of the most renowned jurists of his day. His work was deeply influential for generations. His commentaries and notes are based on lectures delivered during the years when he was a law professor in Avignon (1518-1522). They were edited by his students and colleagues, such as Nicolas. First published in 1542, his *Tractatus de Praesumptionibus* discusses the Roman law of presumption, that is, situations in which a particular fact can be made without proof. Raymundus's *Epistolarum Legalium* is an essay on legal writing and the proper forms of legal instruments. Little is known about its author. The final book in this volume is Oldendorp's *Titulorum Iuris Civilis*, a popular digest of the *Corpus Juris Civilis* in the form of an index. Best known for his *Lexicon Iuris*, Oldendorp, a state official and law professor, was a notable Protestant jurist. His Protestant viewpoint enhanced the value of his work in areas of Europe that rejected Catholicism. *Tractatus, Titularum*: Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* VI:272, VIII:256; *Epistolarum*: Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe* R-220.

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A Fundamental Treatise on Family Relations

3. Andrea, Giovanni d' [1275-1348].

[*Super Arboribus Consanguinitatis et Affinitatis et Cognationis Spiritualis*]. [Nuremberg: Friedrich Creussner, 1483]. 10 ff. Collation: [a10]. Full-page woodcut tables on Leaves [a4]v, [a8]r and [a10]v. Folio (11-1/4" x 8"; 28.5 x 20 cm).

Twentieth-century plain boards, calf spine with gilt-stamped title (a signed binding by Claude Honnelaitre). Light rubbing to boards, light wear to spine ends, corners bumped, recent owner bookplate, auction description and owner annotation in pencil to front pastedown, other penciled annotations in different hands to front free endpaper. Text printed in 34-lines italic type, large silver Lombard to [a1]r, silver and red Lombards to following leaves, tables highlighted in silver and red, paragraph and capital strokes in red. Light toning to text, notes in contemporary hand throughout in brown and red ink, table on Leaf [a4] trimmed with loss to margins, table on Leaf [a8] trimmed close with minor loss, worming to text block, mostly to margins, negligible faint dampstaining to lower edges of leaves. A desirable wide-margined copy of a fundamental treatise. \$8,500.

* D'Andrea was an Italian canonist and professor of canon law at the University of Bologna. An eminent figure who received the highest tributes from Arthemius, Baldus, Forster and Bellarmin, his principal writings circulated widely in manuscript and were among the earliest printed works on canon law. Often included in editions of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, the *Super Arboribus* is a fundamental treatise on degrees of consanguinity and affinity, also known as blood relations, and spiritual relationships created by godparents and their families. It was a work of vital importance in cases regarding estates, incest and conflicts of interest. It went through numerous manuscript and printed editions into the modern era. Our 1483 imprint is the sixteenth of seventeen issued by Creussner. The three woodcuts are so much larger than the type-pages that many, if not most, copies are trimmed to some degree. OCLC locates 6 copies, none in North America. The ISTC locates 1 copy in North America, at the Huntington Library. Goff locates copies at the Huntington Library and the Collegiate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY (which is no longer in its collection). We did not locate copies in the Library of Congress, Harvard, the UC-Berkeley Robbins Collection or the British Museum. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* A-612. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 1697. [Order This Item](#)



Funeral Rites and Burials

4. Asinio, Giovanni Baptista [fl. 1562].

Commentarii in Titulum Digestorum De Religiosis & Sumptibus Funerum. Florence: Apud Laurentium Torrentinum, 1562. [viii], 338, [52] pp. Folio (12-3/4" x 8-1/4").

Contemporary calf with later varnishing, blind rules and small central arabesques to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, spine ends and corners mended. Some scuffing to boards, corners bumped, front joint partially cracked, front hinge just starting, rear hinge mended, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown. Light toning to text, a bit of soiling to title page. Early owner annotations to front pastedown, signatures and stamps to title page, interior otherwise clean. Ex-library. Bookplate to front pastedown. A nice copy of a rare title. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Asinio was a notable Florentine jurist who was patronized by Cosimo I de Medici. He is best-known for his treatises on practice and procedure in Roman and Florentine law. *De Executionibus* is a comprehensive treatise on the section of the *Digest*, Book XI, Title 7, which addresses funeral rites and burial. It is a scarce title. OCLC locates 5 copies, 3 in North America (at the Library of Congress, Newberry Library and University of Chicago). *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE3262. [Order This Item](#)



The Roman Law of Prescription

5. Balbo, Giovanni Francesco [f. 1510-1518].

[Henricus, de Segusio, Cardinal (Hostiensis) (c. 1200-1271)].

Tractatus Foecundus, et Perutilis de Praescriptionibus: Editus per Clarissimum Iuriconsultum do. Ioannem Franciscum Balbum Taurinensem. Cui Accedit Repetitio Singularis l. Celsus ff. de Usucap. Cum Multis Additionibus & Apostillis, Una cum Dictis Hostien. In Summa de Praescrip. & Usucap. & Cum Summariis & Repertorio Nuper Additis. Venice: [Apud Cominum de Tridino], 1564. [xxxii], 300 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Fol. 1 has woodcut of Balbo instructing a class of students. Octavo (6" x 4").

Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, early hand-lettered title to spine, ties lacking. Some soiling, especially to spine, minor wear to corners, some worming to pastedowns and endleaves, a few partial cracks to text block, boards slightly bowed. Some toning to text, light foxing in places. Early annotations and signatures to preliminaries and title page, other annotations and underlining to a few places in text, two inkstains to fol. 224 with minor damage to legibility. \$1,500.

* Later edition of a work first published in 1511. *Tractatus Foecundus* is concerned with the Roman law of prescription, the principle whereby a right or liability is created or extinguished over a certain period of time, usually in regard to a property title. It also includes an edition of a short treatise on this subject by Henricus de Segusio. It was a popular work that went through several issues and editions, the last one in 1582. Our 1564 copy was also issued in 1563. Both are identical in every respect and share the same entry number in EDIT16. All editions are scarce in North America. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1564 edition in North America (at Harvard Law School and the Library of Congress). *Censimento Nazionale Delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE3948. [Order This Item](#)



An Important Humanist Scholar

6. Baudouin, Francois [1520-1573].

Commentarius de Iurisprudencia Muciana. Accessit Rerum & Verborum Praecipue Memorabilium Index. Basel: Per Ioannem Oporinum, [1558]. [xvi] 306 [6] pp.

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Baudouin, Francois.

De Legibus XII Tabularum. Tertia sed Plane nova Editio. Basel: Per Ioannem Oporinum, [1557]. [viii] 252 [18] pp.

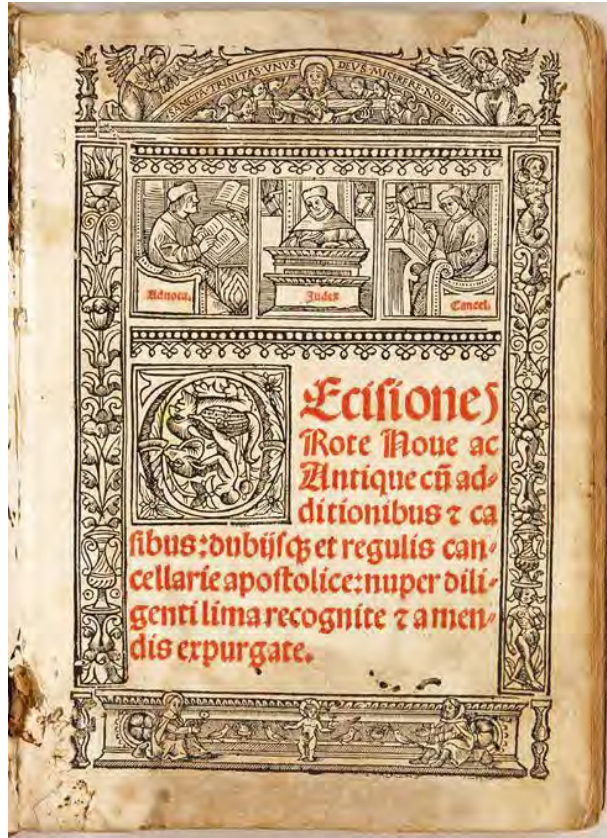
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Baudouin, Francois, Commentary.

Ad Edicta Veterum Principum Rom. de Christianis. Basel: Per Ioannem Oporinum, [c. 1557]. 122, [10] pp. Lacking leaves HH5 and HH6, the final text leaf (pp. 121-2) and the first index leaf.

Octavo (7" x 4-1/2"). Contemporary calf, blind frames and central medallions to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and later hand-lettered paper title label to spine. Some rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, joints starting at ends, hinges cracked but secure, later armorial bookplate and tipped-in leaf of notes to front pastedown. Light toning to text, light foxing and dampstaining in places. Occasional notes and glosses in a contemporary hand, interior otherwise clean. \$2,500.

* Later editions. Baudouin was an eminent French humanist jurist and theologian. Interested in the early history of Roman law, he emphasized the importance of history in the development of the law. This volume collects two of his principal works, *De Legibus XII Tabularum*, a study of the history and significance of the Twelve Tables, and *Commentarius de Iurisprudencia Muciana*, a study of Roman law during the Republic. The final title addresses the legal status of the early Christian Church. Adams, *Catalogue of Books Printed on the Continent of Europe, 1501-1600* B87, B93, B84. [Order This Item](#)



**Notable Decisions of the Rota Romana
with Regulations of the Apostolic Chancery**

7. Bosqueto, Barnardus [d. 1371], Commentary.

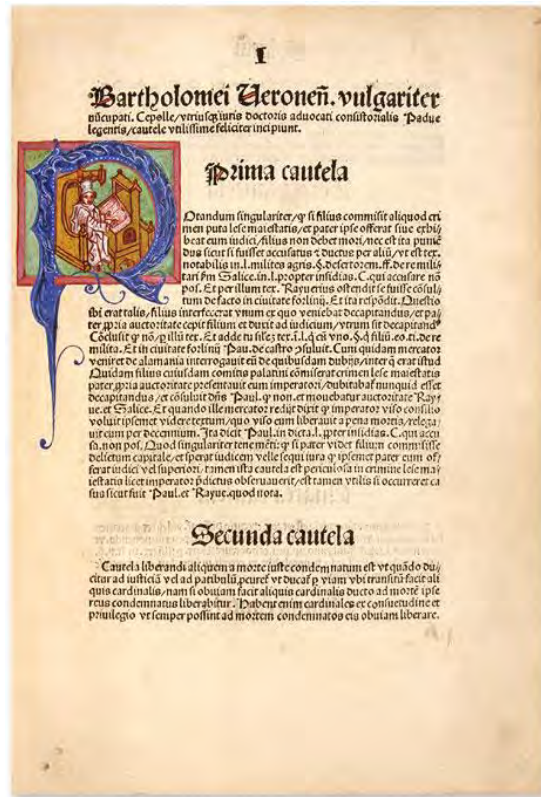
Fastolus, Thomas [fl. 1338-1361], Commentary.

Molendino, Johannes de, Commentary.

Decisiones Rote Nove ac Antiquae: Cum Additionibus et Casibus: Ubique et Regulis Cancellarie Apostolice: Nuper Diligentissima Recognite et a Mendis Expurgate. [Lyons: Per Jacobum Myt Chalcographum, 1521]. [x], 116, 90, [10], 91-165 ff. Main text in parallel columns. Quarto (7-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary paneled calf with elaborate tooling, raised bands to spine, fragments of thong ties. Light rubbing and some worm holes to boards, chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, corners worn, hinges cracked, considerable worming to pastedowns and endleaves, minor worming to lower margin of title page and following few leaves and final three leaves of text (fols. 163-165). Title page, featuring a woodcut vignette of a lawyer, a judge and a member of the Apostolic Chancery printed in red and black within a woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials. Moderate toning to text, faint dampspotting in places, faint dampstaining to margins of title page and some other leaves, spark burns and early pen marks in a few places. \$1,750.

* Later edition. A collection of four sets of decisions by the Rota Romana and two sets of regulations for the Apostolic Chancery, which regulated practice and procedure. The decisions cover the period 1376 to 1381. The Chancery *regulae* are those of Sixtus IV, promulgated in 1482, and Innocent VIII, promulgated in 1491. This 1521 imprint is based on the 1496 Venice edition printed by the de Gregoriis for Fontana. This work went through several editions, but all are scarce. OCLC locates 10 copies of the 1521 Lyons edition, 2 in North America (University of Kansas, UNC-Chapel Hill). *Universal Short-Title Catalogue* 155536. [Order This Item](#)



The Last Incunable Imprint of Cipolla's "Legal Cautions" Concerning Servitudes and Real Property

8. Cipolla, Bartolomeo [1420-1475].

Cautelae Iuris. [Strasbourg: Johann Prüss, 25 February 1490].

[i], 85 ff. Collation: [a8, b-c6,d8], e-f6, g8, h-m6, n8. Complete. Quarto 9-1/4" x 6-1/2"; 23 x 16.5 cm).

Contemporary quarter pigskin with elaborate blind tooling over oak wood boards, clasp (at center of boards) lacking, buckle present, early hand-lettered author name and "X" to spine. Binding slightly cocked, soiling to spine, some wear to corners, second work removed from rear of text block, early owner signature of Philipp von Flersheim to front pastedown, later library stamp of Heidelberg Capuchin Library to front free endpaper, early manuscript index and a few other annotations to rear pastedown. 44-line text in single column, comprising 325 numbered sections, text begins with 12-line multi-color illuminated initial depicting a scribe. Moderate toning, slightly heavier in places, brief early annotations in a few places, faint dampstaining to margins of a few leaves, light soiling to title page.

\$15,000.

* Third edition, and the last incunable edition. Cipolla was a professor of law at the University of Padua, Venetian diplomat and one of the greatest Italian jurists of the fifteenth century. His works are notable for their humanistic scholarship and coordination of theoretical and practical concerns. *Cautelae Iuris* is a set of 325 knotty legal points, i.e. "legal cautions," concerning servitudes and real property under Roman and canon law. It was first printed in Perugia by Petrus Petri de Colonia and Johannes Nicolai de Bambergia around 1474 and reached its tenth edition in 1577. Philipp von Flersheim [1481-1522] was the bishop of Speyer. OCLC locates 5 copies of this imprint in North America, 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* V381. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M6484.

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Incunable Editions of Two Primary Volumes of Canon Law

9. [Canon Law].

Clement V [c.1266-1314], Pope.

[d'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-c.1348)], Glosses.

[*Constitutiones, Cum Apparatu Johannes Andreae*]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 15 January 1482]. [60] ff. Collation: a/A10, B-G8, H2. Text in parallel columns with two-column linear gloss.

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Boniface VIII [1235-1303], Pope.

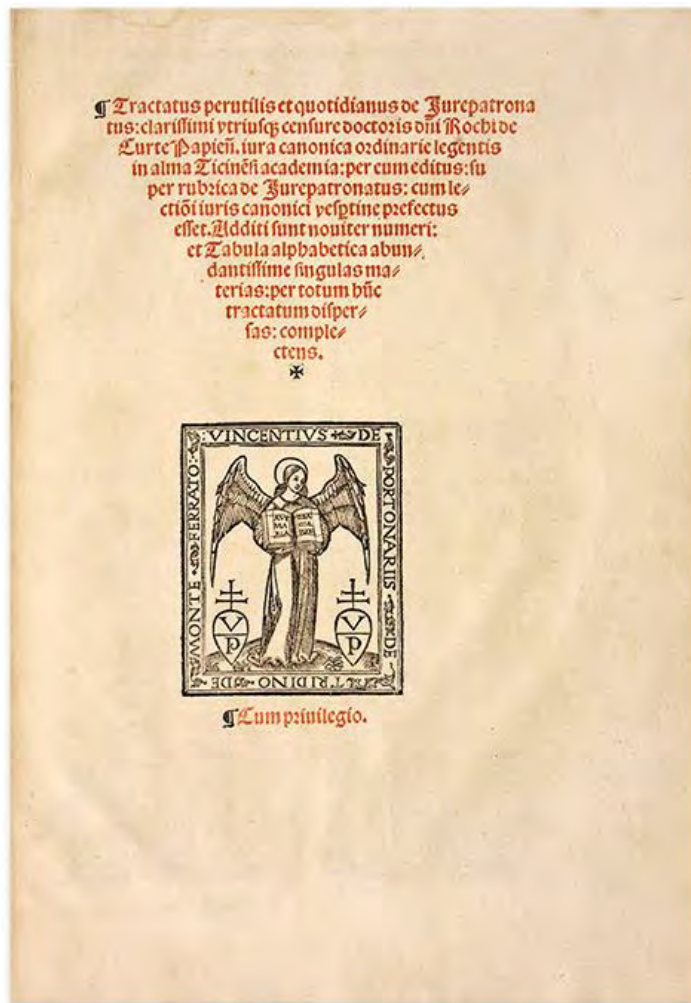
[d'Andrea, Giovanni (c.1270-c.1348)], Glosses.

[*Liber Sextus Decretalium, Cum Apparatu Johannes Andreae*]. [Nuremberg: Anton Koberger, 12 March 1482]. [118] ff. Collation: a, (bB), (Cc), (dD)8, e-h6, i-o8, p6, q8. Text in parallel columns with two-column linear gloss.

Folio (13-1/4" x 8-3/4"; 34 x 22 cm). Contemporary blind-tooled and blind-stamped calf, rebacked with period-style spine with raised bands, "1482" to foot of spine, all clasps and buckles present, vellum pastedowns. Light rubbing and some minor nicks and scuffs to boards, corners worn. Texts of both volumes printed with gothic type in parallel columns, rubricated in red and blue throughout, fine red and blue penwork, including fine red tracery work, the incipit of *Liber Sextus* has a large eighteen-line illuminated initial that incorporates a devilish face, perhaps that of a court jester. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining to head of text block, confined mostly to margins, annotations in contemporary hand in a few places, early owner signature and later bookseller annotations to front pastedown, owner signature and inscription and small inkstamp of Ernst Kyriss to front free endpaper, contemporary marginalia. A handsome volume with a notable association. \$20,000.

* First Koberger editions. This volume joins incunable imprints of two books from the *Corpus Juris Canonici*, a collective title first used in 1441. The *Liber Sextus Decretalium* was issued in 1298, the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the *Constitutiones Clementis V*, or *Clementinae* in 1317. These, along with the other books, were edited in 1582 in response to the reforms authorized by the Council of Trent. In this form the *Corpus Juris Canonici* remained in force until it was replaced in 1917 by the *Codex Juris Canonici*. The 1482 Koberger imprint of the *Clementinae* is typographically important because it was the first book printed with Koberger's text-type 92 and commentary-type 65. Ernest Kyriss [1881-1974] was a leading collector and scholar of incunabula. His *Verzierte Gotische Einbände im Alten deutschen Sprachgebiet* is a standard work on early German bindings. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* C725, B993. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 7095, 4868.

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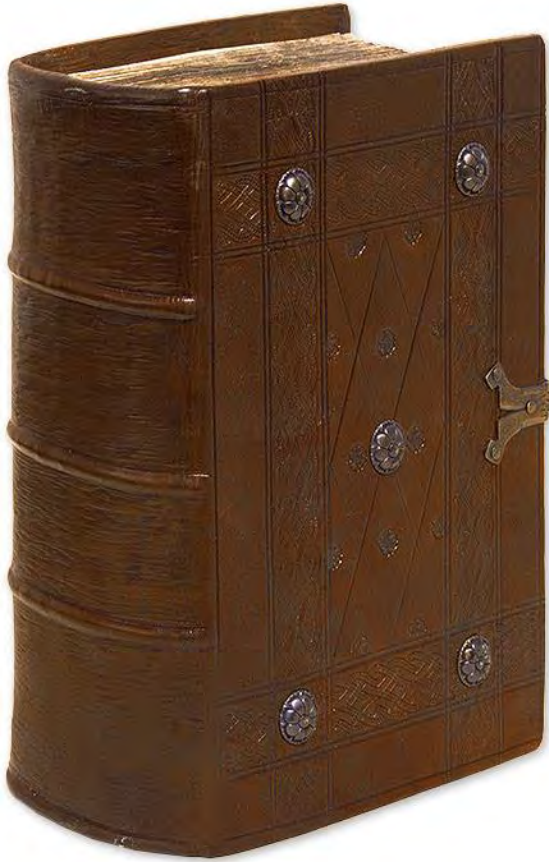
A Classic Study of Church Patronage

10. Curtius, Rochus (Corte, Rocco) [fl. 1470-1515].

Tractatus Perutilis Et Quotidianus De Jure Patronatus... [Lyon]: Vincentius de Portonariis, De Tridino Monte Ferrato, [1520]. 37 ff. Text in parallel columns. Folio (15-3/4" x 11").

Recent three-quarter vellum over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling. Title page with large woodcut printer device, printed in red and black, large woodcut initial with (possibly) later coloring at head of text, woodcut decorated initials, text printed on wide-margined paper. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, underlining and brief annotations in early hand to a few leaves. An appealing copy of a rare, handsomely printed edition. \$5,000.

* The *ius patronatus* is the body of laws concerning patronage by members of the church, including the granting of privileges, lands and goods. First published in 1506, the commentary of Rochus Curtius was a standard work on this subject into the seventeenth century. Our edition is remarkable for its magnificent typography and notably wide margins. (title as inverted pyramid in red); remarkably broad-margined, printed on strong paper. The printer Vincent de Portonariis, de Tridino de Monte Ferrato is not stated in the colophon; he is only identified by the printer device on the title page. As a result, this imprint is often mis-attributed. OCLC locates 2 copies of our 1520 imprint, both in Germany. Not in Adams or the *Universal Short-Title Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



1483 Printing of an Important Digest of Canon Law with a Tract on Jewish Moneylenders, A Copy with Notably Fine Penwork

11. De Ausmo (Osimo), Nicolaus [d. 1453].
[Bartholomew, Of San Concordio (1262-1347)].
De Nevo (Nievo), Alexander [d. 1484].
Astesanus of Asti [d.c.1330].

[*Supplementum Summae Pisanellae; Consilia Contra Iudaeos Foenerates; Canones Poenitentiales*]. [Venice: Franciscus Renner, de Heilbroonn, 1482]. [554] ff. Lacking initial blank. Collation: a11, b-y12, 1-1812, 198, 2010. 21-2212, A-B12, C10. Quarto (7" x 5"; 18 x 13 cm).

Recent period-style blind-tooled calf with clasps, bosses to boards, endpapers renewed. 38-line gothic type in parallel columns, decorated initials, rubricated throughout with red, blue and green penwork extending into margins. Light toning to text, occasional faint dampstaining and minor worming to head of text block above text. A handsome volume with excellent penwork. \$18,000.

* Completed in 1444, this important alphabetically digested encyclopedia of canon law is an enlargement of the *Summa de Casibus*

Conscientiae by Bartholomew of San Concordio. Two other important texts are appended: Alexander de Nevo's (or Nievo's) analysis of the Church's view of Jewish money lenders, *Consilia Contra Iudaeos Fenerantes*, and the *Canones Poenitentiales* by Astesano. These two texts appear in editions of the *Supplementum* published after 1476. The ISTC locates 3 complete copies of this imprint in North America, none in law libraries. OCLC locates 1 in a law library (Library of Congress). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* N74. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M26260. [Order This Item](#)



A Distinguished Commentary on Maxims and Phrases in the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*

12. Dinus de Mugello [1254-c.1300].

Bohier, Nicolas de [1469-1539].

Du Moulin, Charles [1500-1566].

Dynus de Regulis Juris, Commentarius Mirabilis Super Titulo De Regulis Iuris Praecipui Sui Seculi Iurisconsulti Do. Dyni Muxellani Insignis I.U. Doctoris: Multò Plus Quàm Unquam Annotationibus Auctus, & Recognitus: Ubi Praeter Do. Nicolai Boërij, & Et Celsi Hugonis Cabilonen[sic] Additiones Multa Novissime per Doctorem Anonymum Sunt Addita, Pleraq[ue] Depravata in hac Ultima Impressione Restituta, & Omnia cum Repertorio Castigatissimo ad Unguem & Feliciter Emendata. Lyons: Venundantur Lugduni per Jacobum Giunta, 1533. cxxxii, [20] ff. Main text in parallel columns with linear annotations. Octavo (6" x 4").

Recent calf, blank lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, front hinge starting, a few cracks to text block, later armorial bookplate (of George Baron Ferrers of Chartley) to front endleaf. Title page, with large woodcut Giunta device, printed in red and black within woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials, woodcut colophon. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining, minor edgewear to a few leaves, worming to final leaves with minor loss to text of final two leaves. Early annotations to margins of sixty-three leaves, some affected slightly by trimming. A scarce title. \$1,650.

* Dinus's distinguished commentary on *De Regulis Juris*, a collection of 88 maxims and phrases in Book 5, Title 12 of the *Liber Sextus Decretalium*, was first published around 1472. It went through several editions into the sixteenth century. Each *Regula* is followed by Dinus's commentary. The additions and commentary by Bohier and Moulin flank or surrounds the main text. This edition, identical to editions published in Lyon in 1533 by Jacques Myt and in 1535 by Giunta, is not listed in Adams, Baudrier or the *Universal Short-Title Catalogue*. No copies of this imprint located on OCLC.

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Two Distinguished Commentaries on Roman Law

13. Doneau, Hugues [1527-1591].

Commentarii ad Titulum Digestorum de Verborum Obligationibus: Praepositae Sunt Singulis Legibus et Paragraphis Summae, Capita Rerum Unoquoque Loco Tractatarum Commode et Fideliter Indicantes: Adjecto Omnium in hoc Opere Contentorum Indice Triplici, Eoque Accuratissime Confecito. Frankfurt: [Apud Joannem Feyerabendt, Impensis Sigismundi Feyerabendts], 1577. [vi], 266, [13] ff. Lacking ff. 198-199. Main text in Parallel columns. Copperplate pictorial title page.

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Pinhel, Aires [16th c.].

Soarez de Ribeira, Manuel [16th c.], Editor.

In Constitutiones Cod. de Bon. Maternis: Itémque ad Rubric. & Leg. Secundam Cod. De Rescind. Vendit. Commentarii Amplissimi, & Doctissimi: In Quibus Omnia, Quae Quidem ad Maternae Successionis Iura Pertinent: Quaeque Etiam in Rescindendis Venditionibus a Doctoribus Tradita & Servari Debent, Accuratè Feliciterque Explicantur. Hac Postreme Editione Summa Diligentia Castigata, & Annotationibus Emanuelis Soarez a Ribeira Illustrata, Quibusdam Etiam Adiunctis Locupletata, Quae his Notis □ Inklusimus. Cum Indice Rerum & Verborum Copiosissimo. Lyon: Sumptibus Philippi Tinghi Florentini, 1576. [xii], 428, [12] pp. Main text in parallel columns.

Folio (13-3/4" x 8-3/4"). Contemporary paneled pigskin, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Moderate soiling, some rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped with minor chipping, some chipping to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front free endpaper edgeworn and partially detached, bottom edge removed below image. Moderate toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional faint dampstaining, minor worming in a few places (with no loss to text). Early signatures and annotations to front free endpaper and title page of *Commentarii ad Titulum Digestorum*, interior otherwise clean. \$1,500.

* Doneau: first edition; Pinhel: later edition. Doneau was a French humanist jurist and scholar. A worthy antagonist of Cujas, he applied the latest philological methods to Roman law and attempted to organize its texts in a systematic fashion. A staunch Calvinist, he fled France after the St. Bartholomew's Night Massacre. He went on to become a professor at the Universities of Heidelberg and Leiden, where his teaching and numerous studies made a tremendous contribution to the promotion of Roman law in the Netherlands. *Commentarii ad Titulum Digestorum de Verborum Obligationibus* is one of his principal works. It is a treatise on Book 45 of Justinian's Digest, which deals with contracts and other obligations. Later editions were published in 1599 and 1622. Our copy is bound to Pinhel's distinguished commentary on Book VI, Title 60 of Justinian's Code, which addresses the inheritance and succession of maternal property (or property through a family's maternal side). It also considers this topic according to Spanish and Portuguese civil law. Originally published in 1557, it went through several issues and editions throughout Europe, the final published in Frankfurt in 1614. Neither imprint listed in Adams. [Order This Item](#)



Early Tottel Edition of
Fitzherbert's Abridgment, Jefferson had a Copy

14. Fitzherbert, Anthony [1470-1538].

La Graunde Abridgement Collecte par le Iudge Tresreverend Monsieur Anthony Fitzherbert, Dernierment Conferre Ouesque la Copye Escript et per ceo Correcte, Ouesque le Nombre del Sueil, Per Quel Facilement Poies Trover les Cases cy Abrydges en les Livres Dans, Novelment Annote: Iammais Devaunt Imprimees.

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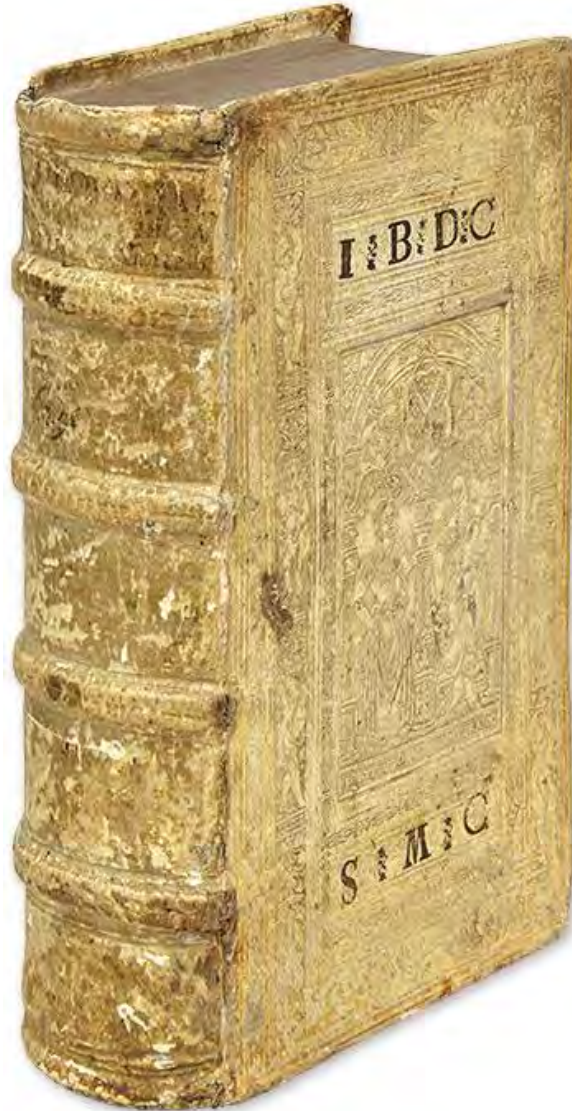
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Tabula. Cy Ensuit la Table pur Trover les Tities. London: Richard Tottell, 1577. [ii], 342 [i.e. 341]; [ii], 265; [ii], 66 ff. First and second parts of abridgment have title pages. Complete. Folio (9-1/4" x 6-1/2").

Contemporary calf, rebaked with raised bands and gilt title, endpapers renewed, early leaf of notes tipped-in to verso of front endleaf. Boards worn, joints cracked but secure, hinges starting, first signature detached, a few partial cracks to text block. Titles printed within woodcut architectural borders, woodcut decorated initials. Toning, light browning in a few places, some soiling to title page. Occasional early underlining and annotations, interior otherwise clean. \$1,600.

* Second Tottell edition. One of the most imposing volumes in the history of English law, it has abridgements of over 14,000 cases under 260 titles in alphabetical order. First printed around 1514, it was the first serious attempt to arrange the common law systematically and it was a model to such writers as Brooke and Rolle. According to Boersma, Fitzherbert accomplished "nothing less that to abridge all notes of significant cases at common law." Graham and Heckel refer to this work as the "book that 'made' the Common Law.": *Law Library Journal* 51 [1957]: 100-101. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books* R466, R467, R468. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S102204. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1776. [Order This Item](#)



Trial Practice in Canon Law

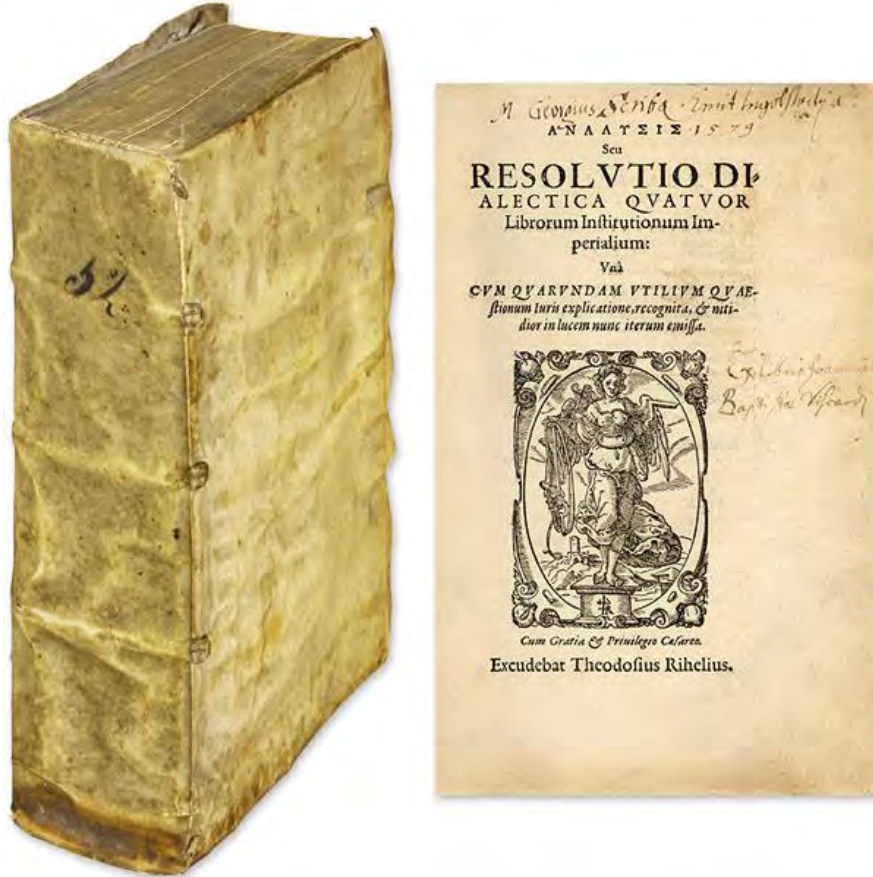
15. Gomez, Luis [d. 1545].

[Milles de Souvigny (16th. c.).]

Commentarii in Indiciales Regulas Cancellariae. Ioannis Millaei, Ac Aliorum Doctissimorum Virorum Adnotationibus Illustrati. Eiusdem, Utriusque Signaturae Compendium. Lyon: Apud Carolum Pesnot, 1575. [civ], 474 [i.e. 472] pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin, early hand-lettered title to spine, early owner monogram black-stamped to front board, 1583 black-stamped to rear, edges rouged. Some soiling, minor wear to spine ends and corners, small scuff to front board, front hinge starting. Toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, chip to p. 254 with minor loss to text, internally clean. \$1,950.

* Third edition. Gomez was the Bishop of Sarno, Italy. First published in 1540, *Commentarii* is a treatise on trial practice in canon law. Also a practical work, it describes the rules of practice in detail. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1575 edition in North America (Harvard Law School, Library of Congress, University of Texas). Not in Adams. Palau, *Manual del Librero Hispanoamericano* 103.620. [Order This Item](#)



**A Scarce Sixteenth-Century Commentary on the
Institutes Bound With an Essay on the Art of Writing Letters**

16. Gremp von Freudenstein, Ludwig [1509-1583].

Analysis, Seu Resolutio Dialectica Quatuor Librorum Institutionum Imperialium: Una cum Quarundam Utilium Quaestionum Iuris Explicatione, Recognita, & Nitidior in Lucem nunc Iterum Emissa. Strassburg: Excudebat Theodosius Rihelius, [1570]. 393, [5] ff.

[Bound with]

Trachelaeus Stadius, Franciscus.

Ars Epistolica. Venice: Apud Petrum Bosellum, 1558. 14 ff.

Octavo (6-1/2" x 4"). Contemporary limp vellum with lapped edges, ties lacking. Light soiling, spine somewhat darkened, front free endpaper lacking. Large woodcut printer devices to title pages. Light toning. Annotations and underlining in some places, interior otherwise clean. \$1,950.

* *Analysis*: third edition; *Epistolica*: only edition. Gremp von Freudenstein was a lawyer and state official who spent his professional life in Tübingen and Strassburg. A well-regarded commentary first published in 1567, *Analysis*, a study of the *Institutes* of Justinian, is a textbook commentary in question-and-answer form, following Justinian's *Institutes* book by book and title by title, paraphrasing, abridging, or adapting the text. It is equally interesting for its insights into the reception of Roman law at the end of the sixteenth century. *Ars Epistolica* is an essay on the art of writing letters. OCLC locates no copies of either title in North America. *Analysis*: *Das Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* ZV552; *Epistolica*: *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE67205.

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1494 Edition of a Distinguished Commentary on Canon Law

17. Koelner de Vanckel, Johannes.

Summarium Textuale et Conclusiones Super Sextum et Clementinas [et Decretales Extravagantes Johannis XXII]. [(Cologne): Johann Koelhoff, the Younger, 1494]. [290] ff. Two parts, each with title page. Part I dated 1 February 1494, Part II dated 24 March 1494. Collation: a8, b-z6, [et]6, [con]6, aa-ff6, gg8, (i-iiii2); A-N6, O4, P6. Complete. Folio (11" x 8"; 28 x 20 cm).

Contemporary blindstamped calf over wooden boards, later brass clasps and central and corner bosses to boards, raised bands to spine. Moderate rubbing, joints cracked through hinges, boards secure, spine worn with loss at ends, cords exposed, vellum pastedowns derived from contemporary manuscript leaf. Woodcut arms of Holy Roman Empire to title pages, the first colored partly in red. 46-line text in parallel columns, initials and section marks in red and blue, some highlighted in silver. Moderate toning, occasional faint dampstaining to margins, clean tear to margin of Leaf r iii with no loss to text, brief later annotation to upper corners of most leaves indicating sections, tiny signature and date of 1538 in tiny hand to title page, which is lightly soiled. A handsome volume. \$30,000.

* Fourth and final edition. First published in 1484, this is a masterly scholastic exegesis of four principal volumes of canon law: the *Liber Sextus* of Boniface VIII (1298), the *Clementinae*, or *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, (1317), the *Extravagantes* of John XXII (1325) and the *Extravagantes Communes* of later popes to 1484. Along with Gratian's *Decretum Gratiani*, or *Concordia Discordantium Canonum*, (1151), these works are known collectively as the *Corpus Juris Canonici*. Vanckel, perhaps the leading German canonist of his time, was a professor of law at the University of Cologne. OCLC locates 3 copies of the 1494 edition, 1 in North America (Huntington Library). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* K32. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 9714. [Order This Item](#)



A Principal English Treatise on Canon Law

18. [Lyndwood, William (c.1375-1446).
[Badius, Josse (1462-1535), Editor].

Provinciale seu Constitutiones Anglie cum Summariis Atq[ue] Iustis Annotationibus: Honestis Characteribus: Summaq[ue] Accurratione Rursus Impresse. [Paris: Printed by Andreas Bocard at the University of Paris, May 28, 1501]. Collation: a8 b6, c-g8 h6 i-q8 r6 s-z8 [et]8 [con]6 A-B6 C8-(C8). cxcii, [19] ff. Complete. Main text surrounded by two-column linear gloss. Folio (13-1/2" x 9-1/2"; 34 x 24 cm).

Contemporary paneled calf, corner fleurons and large arabesques to boards, recently rebounded, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers added, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge. A few shallow scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to their extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, hinges cracked, later bookseller ticket, owner bookplate (of Walter Wigglesworth, dated 1934) and two 1930s-era auction or bookseller descriptions affixed to front pastedown. Text printed in red and black gothic type, woodcut decorated initials. Light toning to text, faint dampstaining in places, minor edgewear to leaves at beginning and end of text, some with repairs, inkstains and spark burns to a few leaves. Contemporary annotations to endleaves and portions of text, some with minor loss due to trimming. A nice post-incunable copy of an important title. \$5,000.

* First post-1500 edition. Main text followed by nineteen-page, two-part index (*Tabula*). Compiled around 1433 and first published around 1483-1485, *Provinciale* is the main authority for early English canon law. Divided into five books, it is a digest of the synodal constitutions of the province of Canterbury, from the period of Archbishop Stephen Langton [c.1155-1228] to that of Archbishop Henry Chichele [1414-1443], with Lyndwood's gloss. It is considered the law of the Church of England by some authorities. This copy was printed in Paris for the English market. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T403. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S103845. [Order This Item](#)



A Powerful Opponent of Martin Luther

19. Mazzolini, Silverstro, Da Prierio [1456-1527].

Compendium in Johannem Capreolum cum Additionibus. [Cremona: Carolus de Darleriis, 15 and 28 April 1497]. [320] ff. Collation: [*4], a-n8, aa-kk8, ll-mm4, A-C8, D6, E4, AA-DD8, EE-GG6, HH4, (1-9)4. Complete. Quarto (9-1/4" x 7"; 23 x 18 cm).

Contemporary calf with elaborate blind stamping, over wooden boards, rebaked with raised bands, blind ornaments and gilt title, traces of clasps. Light rubbing and minor worming to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, hinges cracked. 46-line text in parallel columns, extensively rubricated in red, with 8 large 12 line initials in interlocking red and blue with fine purple penwork decoration, other 6 line initials in red. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, early annotations to front pastedown, other annotations and owner signature dated 1606 of Isaias Silberschlag, to title page, occasional annotations in his hand to text. A handsome copy of a rare imprint. \$10,000.

* First edition. Mazzolini, a theologian and wide-ranging scholar, was an inquisitor and censor of books for Rome. An early opponent of Martin Luther, he was involved in the juridical process against him. (Mazzolini was also involved in cases against Johann Reuchlin, Pietro Pomponazzi and Erasmus). A great deal of his scholarship was devoted to the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. Also known as the *Egregium vel Potius Divinum Opus in Johannem Capreolum*, Mazzolini's *Compendium* is a summary of a work of another Aquinas scholar, Jean Capreolus [c.1380-c.1444] dealing with Aquinas's commentaries on the *Libri Quattuor Sententiarum* of Peter Lombard [c.1096-1160], one of the great works of Medieval theology. Silberschlag, the former owner of this copy, was a professor of theology at the University of Erfurt. This is a scarce imprint. We located only two auction records for it, one in 1991, the other in 2002. OCLC locates 5 copies in North America (Cornell, Library of Congress, Morgan Library, St. Bonaventure University, Yale). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* V519. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M642160. [Order This Item](#)



Fascinating Sixteenth-Century
Digest of Land and Hunting Laws

20. Meurer, Noe [1525-1583].

Spangenberg, Cyriacus [1528-1604].

Von Forstlicher Oberherrlichkeit und Gerechtigkeit, Was die Recht, Der Gebrauch, Und die Billigkeit Desshalben Vermog. Item: Von dem Waren Oder Gerechten Rechten, Der Teutschen Gerechtigkeit, Aequitate Oder Billigkeit, Wie und Wenn die von Einem Jeden Gerechten und Nit zu Strengen Richter, Nach Gestalt und Gelegenheit Furfallender Ungleicher Fall und Sachen Zubalten, Und Darnach zu Urteilen Sey. Alles Beschriben durch den Hochgelehrten Noe Meurer. Auch vom Rechtmessigen Jagen und vom Missbrauch Desselbigen, Bestendiger Bericht durch M. Cyriacum Spangenberg. [Frankfurt am Main: Weigand Han and Georg Raben, 1561]. c, xxxvii, [1], lxxx, [4] ff. Three parts in one volume. Folio (11" x 7").

Recent paper-covered boards retaining earlier paper spine, endpapers renewed, edges rouged. Light soiling, front joint just starting at head, recent owner bookplate to front pastedown. Title page printed in red and black, large woodcut coat of arms to verso. Light browning to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edge of text block, two small library stamps to foot of title page. A nice copy of a handsomely printed volume. \$2,500.

* Second and final edition. Early game and land laws record the earliest attempts to preserve the environment. They also offer fascinating insights into social history due to their relevance to topics ranging from class structure to foodways. First published in 1560, Meurer and Spangenberg's compilation offers a thorough overview of land-use, fishing and hunting laws as they stood in the states of the Holy Roman Empire during the mid-sixteenth century. The first edition is considerably shorter than the second, containing 100 leaves. Both editions are scarce in North America. OCLC locates 2 copies of the first edition (at Columbia Law School and Yale University) and 1 copy of the second (at Harvard University). Not in Adams. *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachbereich Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* M5017.

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**With a Full-Page Allegorical Frontispiece by Albrecht
Dürer Featuring Lady Justice, Her First Appearance in a Book**

21. [Nuremberg].

[Dürer, Albrecht (1471-1528)].

Reformacion der Stat Nuremberg. [Nuremberg: Fridrichen Peypus, 1522]. [xxxvi], 30, 208 ff. Folio (12" x 8").

Contemporary panel-stamped reversed calf (with traces of gilt stamping), early repairs to spine ends, clasps present and intact, endpapers renewed at some point. Some rubbing to extremities, chipping to head of spine, a few scuffs and stains to boards, small crack to front joint, rear hinge cracked due to worming, minor worming to fol. 208. Allegorical frontispiece by Durer featuring Lady Justice and a female figure representing charity, attractive woodcut decorated initials throughout. Light toning to text, some leaves lightly browned, faint stains and foxing to a few leaves, wide margins. "1522/ jahre" to title page in near-contemporary hand, interior otherwise clean. \$12,500.

* First edition, and only edition with Dürer's frontispiece, which includes an image of Lady Justice. This was the first time her image appeared in a book. Nuremberg was the center of the Renaissance in Germany and was its leading cultural and intellectual center until the end of the sixteenth century. These qualities are reflected in the contents and design of this volume. Enacted in 1479, the *Reformacion*, or Reformed Civic Legal Code, of Nuremberg is known for its humanistic orientation, straightforward language and elegant production. It is also notable as the collection of German city laws to be issued in print. The 1522 issue by Peypus is notable for its splendid full-page frontispiece by the great Nuremberg artist Albrecht Dürer, which was originally issued as an independent print in 1521. The bottom half depicts two putti displaying the arms of the city and empire. The upper half depicts Lady Justice, holding scales and a sword, and a female figure representing charity, who is pouring coins from a purse and opening her bodice to bear her heart, which is represented by a flame. The woodcut initials are finely carved and possibly the work of Dürer or his workshop. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America, 1 in a law library (Harvard). *Verzeichnis der im Deutschen Sprachraum Erschienenen Drucke des 16. Jahrhunderts* N2027. Meder, *Dürer-Katalog* 285. [Order This Item](#)



Incunable Imprints of Two Important Commentaries on Canon Law

22. Parmensis, Bernardus (Bottoni, Bernardo di) [d. 1223 or 1266].

[*Casus Longi Super Quinque Libros Decretalium*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner, 29 Oct. 1498]. [204] ff. Collation: 204 ff. a-b8, c-d6, e-k8/6,l-z6, A-H6, I8. 52-line text in parallel columns.

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Regnierus, Helias (Regnier, Élie) [fl. 1483-1494].

[*Casus Longi Super Sextum Librum Decretalium; Casus Longi Clementinarum*]. [Strasbourg: (Printer of the 1483 Jordanus de Quedlinburg), i.e. Georg Husner), 18 Aug. 1496]. [152] ff. Collation: a8, b-z6, ?6,)6. Final blank present.

Folio (10-3/4" x 7-3/4"; 27 x 19.5 cm). Contemporary blind-tooled pigskin over wood, covers, blind fillets and small armorial emblems (double-headed eagles of the Holy Roman Empire, greyhounds and roses) to boards, raised bands to spine, two clasps, upper clasp restored, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. Some soiling and a few minor inkstains, light rubbing to extremities, traces on spine of removed shelf labels, crack between front free endpaper and title page, rear hinge cracked, both titles printed in 52-line gothic type in parallel columns, initial spaces blank. Moderate toning, light soiling to margins in a few places, minor dampstaining to corners of a few leaves, a few worm holes to margins, clean tear to leaf p6 of Parmensis's *Casus*, later annotation and two small library stamps to its title page, brief later annotations to two other leaves. An impressive volume. \$15,000.

* This volume collects three important commentaries on books of the *Corpus Juris Canonici*: the *Liber Quinque Decretalium* of Gregory IX (1234) *Liber Sextus Decretalium* of Boniface VIII (1298) and the *Liber Septimus Decretalium*, better known as the "Constitutiones Clementis V" or "Clementinae" of John XII (1317). Better known as Bernardus Parmensis, from his birthplace, Parma, Botono a notable canonist. He studied at the University of Bologna, joined its faculty and later became the university's chancellor. Regnier, a French Jurist, was a professor of law at the University of Poitiers. Parmensis: OCLC locates 12 copies, 4 in North America, 3 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, UC-Berkeley); Regnierus: OCLC locates 8 copies, none in North America. Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* B462, R118. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* 4104, 37590. [Order This Item](#)



The Pearls of the Decretals

23. [Polonus, Martinus (d.1278)].

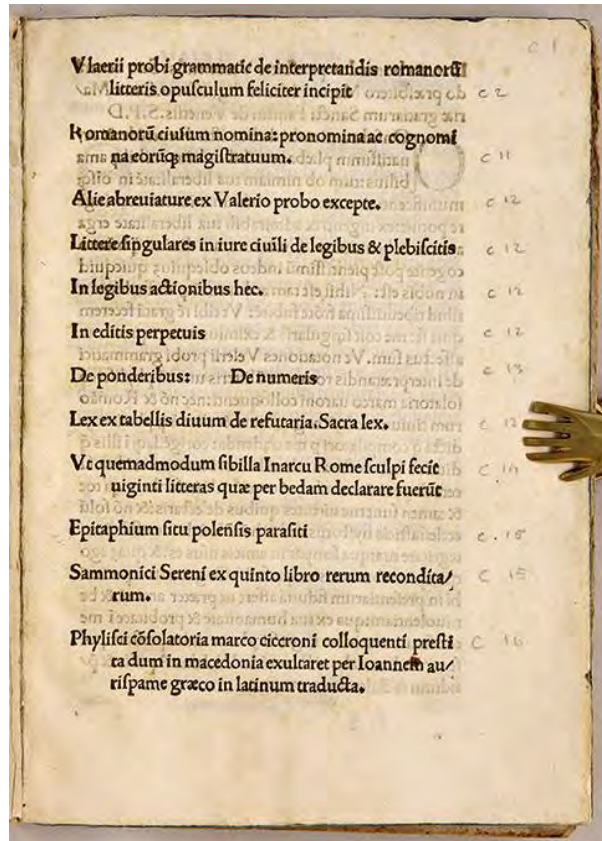
Margarita Decreti Seu Tabula Martiniana. [Strasbourg: Printer of the 'Casus Breves Decretalium' (Georg Husner?)], 1493. [106] ff. Final leaf blank. Thumb-tabbed. Collation: a8 b-q6 r8. Complete. Folio (11" x 7-1/2"; 28 x 19 cm).

With final blank, initials and capital strokes rubricated throughout (some wormholes, a few minor marginal holes, occasional spotting or staining).

Contemporary half calf with elaborate blind-tooling over wooden boards, two contemporary diagrams relating to horizontal sundials to front board, clasp lacking. Moderate rubbing, minor worming, light scuffing to calf-covered sections of boards, light gatoring to spine, early owner inscription dated 1528 to front, owner inscription of the Franciscan convent of Munich to head of title page. 52-line text in parallel columns, initials and capital strokes in red. Moderate toning, occasional spotting or staining, negligible minor worming in places. \$13,500.

* Later edition. An important early legal reference work, *The Margarita Decretalium*, i.e. "Pearls of the Decretals," is the index to the *Decretals* of Gregory IX (or *Liber Extra*). First printed in 1481, the *Margarita* was probably assembled during the late thirteenth century, some time before the appearance of the *Liber Sextus* in 1298. There are twelve incunable editions. Our 1493 imprint is the tenth. OCLC locates 3 copies in North America (Huntington Library, Library of Congress, Yale Law School). Goff, *Incunabula in American Libraries* V327. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M21422.

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With a Selection of Legal Abbreviations

24. Probus, Marcus Valerius [c.20/30-105CE].

Philiscus (Pseudonym).

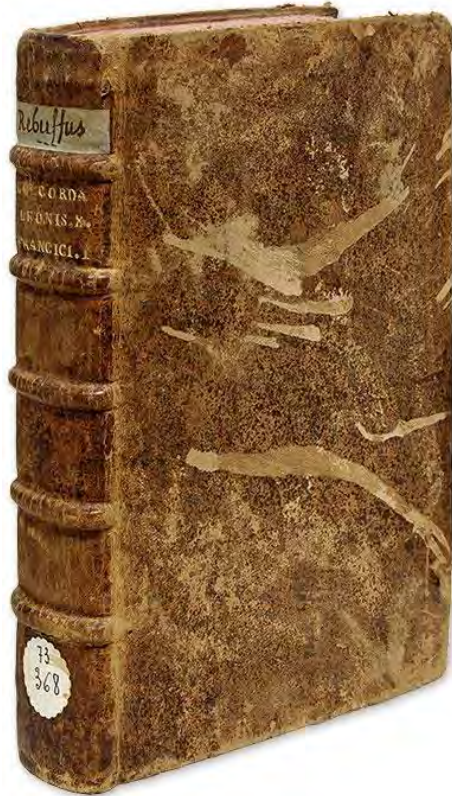
Bonardi, Giovanni [active 15th c.], Editor.

Aurisp, Giovanni [1376-1459], Translator (of Philiscus).

De Interpretandis Romanorum Litteris Opusculum. Phylisici; Cosolatoria Marco Cicroni Colloquenti Prestita dum in Macedonia Exultaret per Ioannem Aurispame Graeco in Latinum Traducta. [Rome: Giacomo Mazzocchi, April 25, 1509]. [20] ff. Quarto (8-1/4" x 6").

Recent quarter vellum over early thick paste boards, pastedowns, one of which is loose, from a later leaf dated 1593. Negligible light soiling and edgewear, a few faint early annotations (probably bleed-through from a sheet of paper) to front cover. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves, page numbers added in recent faint pencil. \$1,500.

* Also known as Probus Grammaticus, Marcus Valerius Probus was a Roman grammarian and critic. *De Interpretandis Romanarum* is a fundamental guide to abbreviations used in Roman texts and inscriptions. First printed in the fifteenth century, it was an invaluable guide to humanist scholars. Three of its sections contain abbreviations relating to legal under the heading "Littere Singulares in Iure Civili de Legibus & Plebiscitis": "In Legibus Actionibus Hec," "On Editis Perpetuis" and "Lex ex Tabellis Diuum de Refutaria. Sacra Lex." The final section is a consoling letter on the subject of exile from Philiscus to Cicero, who was then in Exile in Macedonia. A rhetorical masterpiece, and thus an object for study, it was originally written in Greek. OCLC locates 5 copies of this imprint in North America (Harvard, UCLA, UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University, St. Louis). Not in Adams. *Censimento Nazionale delle Edizioni Italiane del XVI Secolo* CNCE30277. [Order This Item](#)



**Commentaries on an Important Treaty
Between the Catholic Church and French Crown**

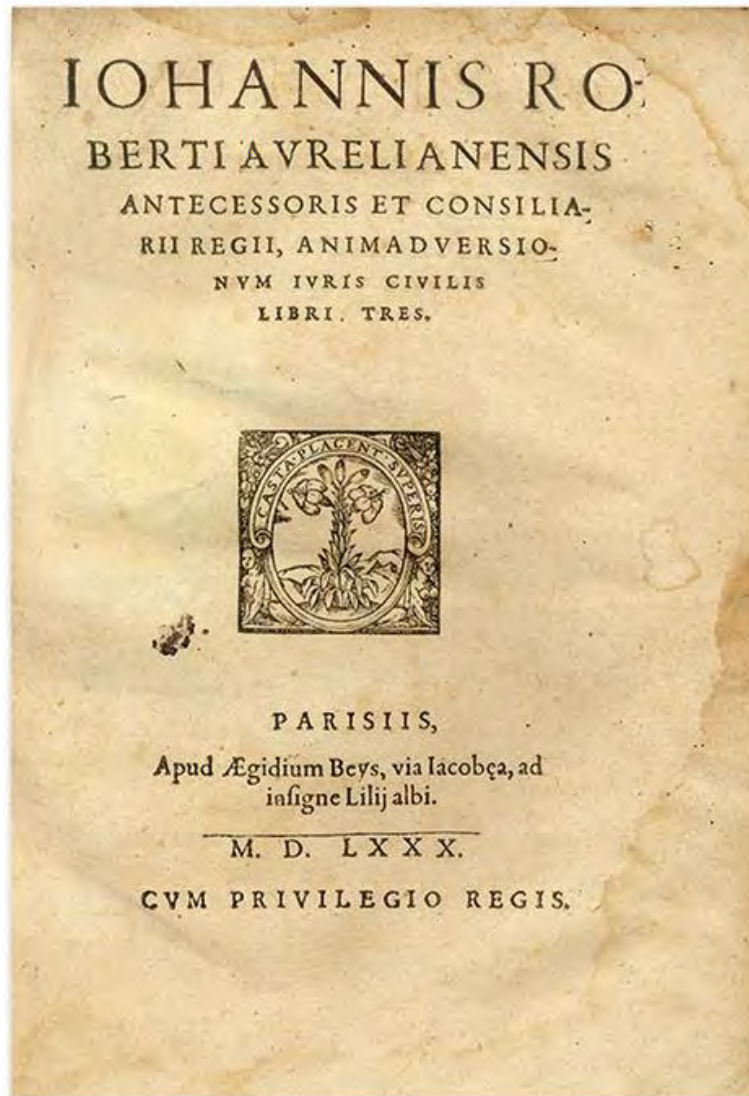
25. Rebuffi, Pierre [1487-1557], Commentator.

*Concordata Inter Sanctissimum Dominum Nostrum Papam Leonem Decimum, & Sedem Apostolicam, Ac Christianissimum Dominum Nostrum Regem Franciscum Huius Nominis Primum, & Regnum Aedita. Cum Interpretationibus Aegregii viri D. Petri Rebuffi. Cum Indice Alphabetico. Nunc te, Benevole Lector, Admonere Velim, Me Post Primam, & Alias Huius Libri Aeditiones, Tam Curiae Romanae Praxim, Quam Galliarum, Totis (Ut Aiunt) Nervis Hactenus Perquisivisse, & Ex Omnibus tam Curiarum Franciae, Supremarum Arestis, Quam Rote Decisionibus Multa his, Hoc Notata Signo * Addidisse, Quae si Perlegeris Boni (ut Spero) Consules.* Paris: Apud Galeotum Pratensem, 1545. [lxiv], 429, [3]; [ii], 166, [2]; [2], 74, [4] pp. Three parts in one volume. Main text in double columns, text of concordat surrounded by linear gloss. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7").

Later mottled sheep, gilt title to spine, speckled edges. Light rubbing to extremities, a few scuffs to boards. Attractive crible initials, large woodcut printer device to verso of final text leaf. Offsetting to margins of endleaves, faint dampstaining, toning to a few sections, internally clean. Ex-library. Location and author label (Rebuffus) to spine, small bookplate to front pastedown, small stamp to foot of spine. An appealing copy. \$650.

* Fourth edition. Editorial changes to this edition noted with asterisks. First published in 1532, this work is a commentary by Rebuffi on the Concordat of 1516, which regulated the status of the Catholic Church in France and established guidelines for the nomination of bishops, the interpretation of canon law and other matters. The final part is Rebuffi's essay *Tractatus de Pacificis Possessoribus*, an essay on possession and benefices. Rebuffi was the leading French canonist of the period, an auditor of the Rota Romana and the author of several important works, such as *Praxis Beneficiorum* (1584) and a commentary on *De Verborum et Rerum Significatione* (1576). OCLC locates 6 copies in North America, 3 in the United States, 2 in law libraries (at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania). Not in Adams. This edition not in Camus.

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Critical Philological Essays

26. Robert, Jean [fl. 1569-1590].

Animadversionum Iuris Civilis Libri Tres. Paris: Apud Aegidium Beys, 1580. [viii], 124 [i.e. 120] ff. Quarto (9" x 6-3/4").

Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered titles to spine and foot of text block, ties lacking. Some rubbing to extremities, chipping to spine, corners bumped and creased, hinges starting, some wear to edges of endleaves. Woodcut printer device, head-piece and decorated initials. Negligible small worm holes to front free endpaper and title page, faint dampstaining to margins, light foxing. Early annotations to front cover and front free endpaper. A solid copy of an important title. \$2,500.

* First edition. This important collection of critical philological essays played an important role in contemporary French debates about the chronology of Roman law. Robert was a professor of law at the University of Orleans. OCLC locates 7 copies worldwide. 4 copies located in North America (at the Emory Theological Library, George Washington University Law School, the Library of Congress and UC Berkeley Law Library). Not in Adams or Camus. National Library of Scotland, *Short-Title Catalogue of Foreign Books Printed up to 1600* 308. [Order This Item](#)



Humanistic Biographies of the Great Jurists of Ancient Rome

27. Rutilio, Bernardino [1504-1538].

Iuris Consultorum Vitae, Novissime Elimatae, & Mendis non Paucis, Quibus Scatebant, Repurgatae. Lyon: Germanum Rose, 1538. [xvi], 254, [1] pp. Octavo (6-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary boards covered in vellum derived from medieval manuscript, later paper title label to head of spine. Light soiling, moderate rubbing with some wear to spine ends and corners, small chip to front joint, rear pastedown partially detached. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, faint dampstaining to head of text block from front pastedown to p. 17, minor worming to front pastedown and upper margins of preliminaries, light foxing to a few leaves. An attractive copy. \$1,250.

* Third edition. Rutilio was Italian jurist and humanist scholars. He was also one of the first authors to compile biographies of lawyers. *Iurisconsultorum Vitae* describes the lives and achievements of 77 Roman jurists, from Papirius to Tribonian. Distinguished by its discerning criticism and careful use of sources, the work was well-received. First published in Rome in 1536, it went through later editions in 1537, 1538, 1539, 1545, 1584 and 1718. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 9 copies of the third edition in North America, 5 in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State, UC-Berkeley, University of Georgia). Baudrier, *Bibliographie Lyonnaise* 5:12. [Order This Item](#)



Appealing Copy of Staunford's *Plees* and *Kinges Prerogative*

28. Staunford, Sir William [1509-1558].

Les Plees del Coron, Diuisees in Plusors Titres & Comon Lieux. Per Queux Home Plus Redement & Plenairement Trovera Quelque Chose quil Quira, Touchant les Dits Plees. Dernierment Corrigee Avecques un Table Parfaicte des Choses Notables Contenues en Ycelle, Nouvelment Reuue et Corrigee. [London]: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1574. [xiv], 198 ff.

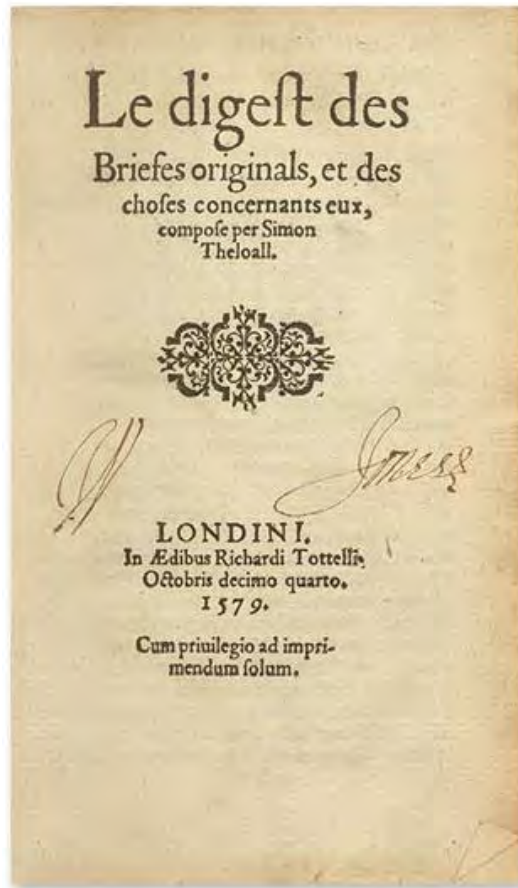
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Staunford, Sir William.

An Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative Collected Out of the Great Abridgement of Iustice Fitzherbert And Other Olde Writers of the Lawes of Englands. Whereunto is Annexed the Proces to the Same Prerogative Appertaining. [London: Imprinted...in Flete Strete Within Temple Barre...By Rychard Tottel, 1568]. [i], 85 ff.

Quarto (7-1/4" x 5-1/4"). Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, corners mended, rebacked, raised bands and lettering pieces to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge, endpapers renewed. Moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, cracks in text block before title page and after final index leaf. Title page of *Plees* printed within large woodcut architectural border, woodcut decorated initials to both works. Minor toning, light soiling to title pages. Later owner signature (of Wm. H. Stillingfleet, 1797) to front endleaf, notes in sixteenth and eighteenth-century hands in a few places, some affected by trimming with negligible loss. A nice copy. \$1,750.

* Later editions. First published in 1557, Staunford's *Plees* is considered a "principal book" by Pollock and Maitland, one that enables us "to trace our modern laws of crimes, from the later middle ages onwards." Based on Bracton and the Year Books, Staunford's treatise is divided into three parts. The first treats offences, the second treats jurisdiction, appeals, indictments, and defenses. The third addresses trials and convictions. *Plees* was written after Staunford was appointed judge of the common pleas in 1554. *Exposition of the Kinges Prerogative* was first published in 1567. It addresses discretionary rights enjoyed by the monarchy in foreign policy, domestic affairs, legal and governmental administration, religion and economic matters. Pollock and Maitland, *The History of English Law* II:448. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S117813, S117817. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T489, T492. [Order This Item](#)



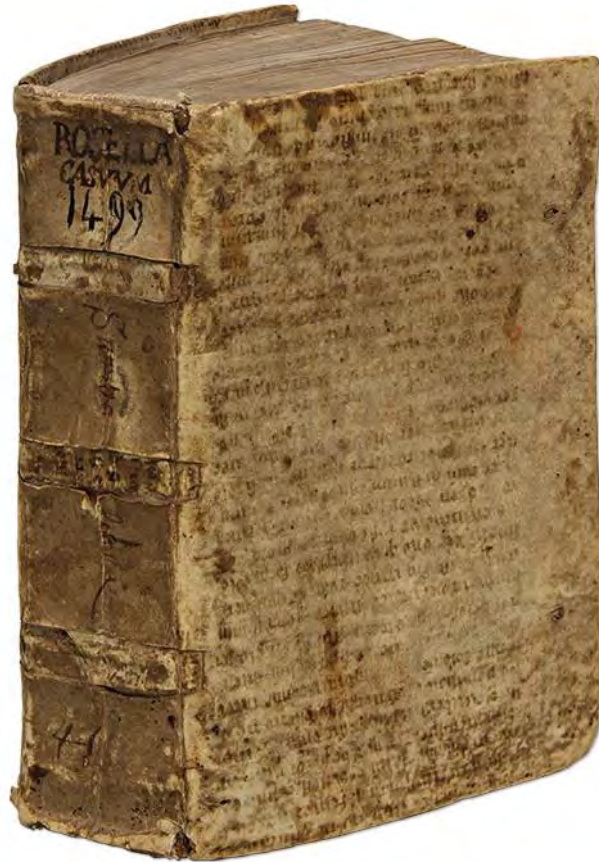
An Important Early Work on Writs

29. Theloall, Simon.

Le Digest des Briefes Originels, Et des Choses Concernants Eux. London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (6" x 4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands and later lettering piece to spine, early hand-lettered title to fore-edge of text block. A few shallow scuffs to boards, some rubbing to extremities, front board beginning to separate, rear joint starting, some chipping to spine ends, corners bumped, pastedowns lacking, partial crack to text block between ff. 192 and 193. Light soiling to title page, toning to text. Annotations in neat early chancery hand to several leaves, later owner signature of William Jones to title page. An appealing copy. \$1,500.

* First edition. An important early work on writs, Theloall's Digest owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure.": Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. A second edition was published in 1678. The owner of this book may have been Sir William Jones [1746-1794], the important jurist, legal writer and Orientalist. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T499. [Order This Item](#)



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30. [Trovamala de Salis, Battista (d.1496)].

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