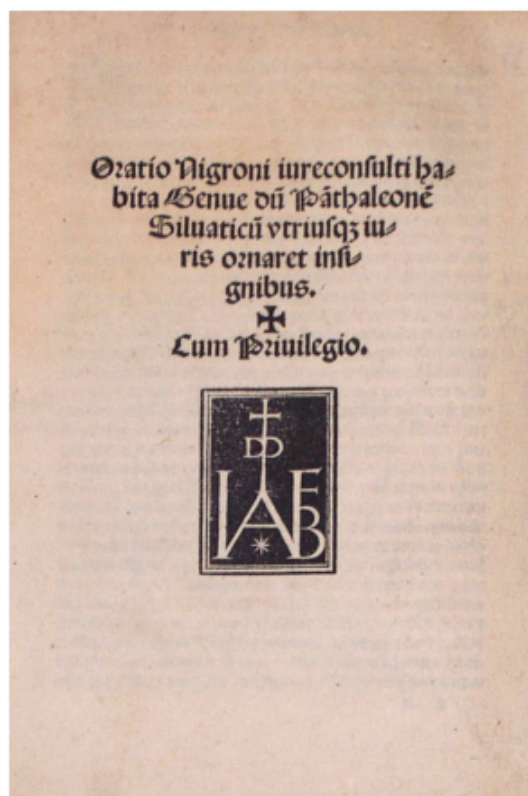

The first and only edition of the legal dissertation given by the Genoese jurist Giovanni Negroni in Genoa in July, 1509.



Joannes Nigronus. *Oratio Nigroni iureconsulti habita Genue du[m] Pantaleone[m] Siluaticu[m] vtriusq[ue] iuris ornaret insignibus.* [Pavia]: Impressussum Papie p[ro] magistru[m] Jacob de Burgofrancho, 1509.

The *Oratio* was delivered to celebrate the award of the doctorate to Pantaleone Silvanicus, likely from the first European university, *Studium Bononiensis* (University of Bologna), an institution central to the development of Roman law. It has been suggested that Pantaleone Silvanicus may be Pantaleone Giustiniani, a distinguished Hebraist, canonist, and contemporary of Erasmus. The *Oratio*, in which Negroni commends Pantaleone for his superior knowledge of both Roman and canon law, comprises a historical survey of civil and public law. Emphasizing Roman law, Negroni also provides a detailed analysis of the relationship between the people and institutions under both republican and imperial governments, and in this brief work manages to summarize a long span of legal history.

This dissertation of eight unnumbered leaves is a fresh copy bound in later limp vellum. Its title page bears the device of Jacobus de Burgofranco. The work is extensively annotated in a contemporary hand.

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