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1/13/10--Professor Michael H. Hoeflich, John H. & John M. Kane Professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law, has donated an important collection of antiquarian and modern Roman law books to the Boston College Law Library. Numbering nearly 300 titles, the Hoeflich Collection contains multiple editions of seminal Roman law works such as Justinian’s Institutes in Latin, German, and French, as well as many lesser-known works.

"This gift is a perfect fit for Boston College," said Karen Beck, the library’s Curator of Rare Books / Collection Development Librarian. "It complements our strong antiquarian collection of Anglo-American law books, giving us a very well-rounded collection."

Professor Hoeflich's collection is both broad and deep, and reflects his knowledge of and passion for Roman law, as well as for book collecting. He is a well-known scholar in many areas of law and legal bibliography, including legal history, comparative law, ethics, contracts, and the history of law book publishing.

"We are doubly honored by Professor Hoeflich's generous gift because of his scholarly stature in the field of Roman legal history and because of the matchless quality of the collection itself," said Professor Filippa Marullo Anzalone, Dean of Library and Technology Services. "Karen Beck will be curating exhibits and facilitating Roman law researchers’ use of these magnificent materials for years to come."

A selection of the books will be on view in the Daniel R. Coquillette Rare Book Room in Spring 2011.