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The purpose of this booklet is to provide a compilation of Latin words and phrases with English translations to serve as a quick and concise reference and guide. The Glossarium contains most of the Latin words and phrases generally used in legal text books and law reports. Lawyers, students and paralegals should therefore find it very useful. It should further be a useful source for law students and practitioners who wish to understand Latin without actually knowing the language.

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The major part of this compilation was obtained from references, translations and quotations in Hiemstra and Gonin's *Trilingual Legal Dictionary* (3rd edition 2001 Juta).

I would like to quote the following extract from the 2nd edition:

"Absolute perfection is presumably unattainable, especially since divergences of opinion are bound to arise; but we hope that we have produced a work that will prove useful in practice."

Since the *Glossarium* is just a brief guide, I would recommend that anyone in need of more information should consult the above dictionary.
This compilation was edited by Professor Rena van den Bergh of the University of South Africa.

I trust that this work will be of great benefit and use to all legal practitioners, paralegals as well as present and future law students.

_Totus tuus_

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