

# Dating the Novels of Justinian's Law Code

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Scott, S. P., trans., ed. *The Civil Law*, Union, NJ: Lawbook Exchange, 2001, 17 Volumes.

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Noailles, Pierre. *Les Collections de Novelles de L'Empereur Justinien: Origine et Formation sous Justinien*. Paris: Recueil Sirey, 1912.

Pierre Noailles states that the date that is assigned to each Novella is that of the Schoell-Kroll edition:

Schoell, Rudolfus-Kroll, Guilelmus, *Corpus Iurus Civilis, Novellae*, Vol. 3, Berlin, Germany: Apud Wiedmannos, 1895, 1959.

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| 1. January 1, 535.  | 29. July 16, 535.   | 57. Oct. 18, 537.    |
| 2. March 16, 535.   | 30. March 18, 536.  | 58. Nov. 2, 537.     |
| 3. March 16, 535.   | 31. March 18, 536.  | 59. Nov. 2, 537.     |
| 4. March 16, 535.   | 32. June 15, 535.   | 60. Dec. 1, 537.     |
| 5. March 17, 535.   | 33. June 15, 535.   | 61. Dec. 1, 537.     |
| 6. April 15, 535.   | 34. June 15, 535.   | 62. Dec. ? 537.      |
| 7. April 15, 535.   | 35. May 23, 535.    | 63. March 9, 538     |
| 8. April 15, 535.   | 36. January 1, 535. | 64. Jan. 19, 538.    |
| 9. April 14, 535.   | 37. August 1, 535.  | 65. March 23, 538.   |
| 10. April 13, 535.  | 38. Feb. 15, 536.   | 66. May 1, 538.      |
| 11. April 14, 535.  | 39. April 17, 536.  | 67. May 1, 538.      |
| 12. May 16, 535.    | 40. May 18, 536.    | 68. May 25, 538.     |
| 13. October 10, 535 | 41. May 18, 536.    | 69. June 1, 538.     |
| 14. Dec. 1, 535     | 42. August 8, 536,  | 70. June 1 or 4 538. |
| 15. August 8, 535.  | 43. May 17, 537.    | 71. June 1 or 4 538. |
| 16. August 8, 535.  | 44. August 17, 537. | 72. June 1, 538.     |
| 17. April 16, 535.  | 45. August 18, 537. | 73. June 4, 538.     |
| 18. March 1, 536.   | 46. August 18, 537  | 74. June 4, 538.     |
| 19. March 17, 536.  | 47. August 31, 537. | 75. Dec. ? 537.      |
| 20. March 18, 536.  | 48. August 18, 537. | 76. Oct. 5, 538.     |
| 21. March 18, 536.  | 49. August 18, 537. | 77. ? 538            |
| 22. March 18, 536.  | 50. August 18, 537. | 78. Jan. 28, 539.    |
| 23. January 3, 536. | 51. Sept. 1, 537.   | 79. March 10, 539.   |
| 24. May 18, 535.    | 52. August 10, 537. | 80. March 10, 539.   |
| 25. May 18, 535.    | 53. Oct. 1, 537.    | 81. March 18, 539.   |
| 26. May 18, 535.    | 54. Sept.18, 537.   | 82. April 8, 539.    |
| 27. July 18, 535.   | 55. Oct. 18, 537.   | 83. May 18, 539.     |
| 28. July 16, 535.   | 56. Nov. 3, 537.    | 84. May 18, 539.     |

85. April 7, 539.  
86. April 17, 539.  
87. April 18, 539.  
88. Sept. 1, 539.  
89. Sept. 1, 539.  
90. Oct. 1, 539.  
91. Oct. 1, 539.  
92. Oct. 10, 539.  
93. Oct. 10, 539.  
94. Oct. 18, 539.  
95. Nov. 1, 539.  
96. Nov. 1, 539.  
97. Nov. 17, 539.  
98. Dec. 16, 539.  
99. Dec. 13, 539.  
100. Dec. 17, 539.  
101. August 1, 539.  
106. Sept. 7, 540.  
107. Feb. 1 541.  
108. Feb. 1 541.  
109. May 7 541.  
110. April 26, 541.  
111. June 1, 541.  
112. Sept. 10, 541.  
113. Nov. 22, 541.  
114. Nov. 1, 541.  
115. Feb. 1, 542.  
116. April 9, 542.  
117. Dec. 18, 542.  
118. July 16, 5  
119. Jan. 20, 544.  
120. May 9, 544.  
121. April 535  
122. March 544,  
123. May 546  
124. July 544-45  
125. Oct.-Jan. 543,  
126. ? 546  
127. Sept. 548  
128. June, 545  
129. June, 531,  
130. March, 545,  
131. March, 545  
132. April, 544  
133. April, 539  
134. May, 556  
135. ? 557?  
136. April, 535  
137. April, 565  
138. ?  
139. ? 535 or 536  
140. ? 566, (Justin)  
141. March, 559  
142. Nov. 558  
143. May, 563  
144. May, 572, (Justin)  
145. Feb. 553  
146. Feb. 553  
147. Feb. 553  
148. ? 566 (Justin)  
149. Jan. 569, (Justin)  
150. May, 563  
151. ? 534  
152. June, 534  
153. Dec. 541  
154. ?  
155. Feb. 533  
156. ? 539?  
157. May, 542  
158. July, 544  
159. April, 555  
160. Before 535  
161. Dec. 574, (Tiberius)  
162. June, 539  
163. April, 574, (Tiberius)  
164. Dec. 574 (Tiberius)  
165. ?  
166. 521-523  
167. ?  
168. 512