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EMPLOYMENT

Moderator of the Tribunal

2023 – present

Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Boston, Braintree, MA, U.S.A.

- Manage case files at all stages of the 1st instance judicial process to insure completeness, compliance with canonical norms and readiness for advancement.
- Manage case files at all stages of the 2nd instance (appeal) judicial process to insure completeness, compliance with canonical norms and readiness for advancement.
- Review cases, determine schedule, delegate activities to staff.
- Coordinate and assign judges for 1st and 2nd instance.
- Supervise administrative staff and coordinate/delegate task for efficient procedural flow. Provide for and oversee education of administrative and support staff.
- Manage database and maintain records. Oversee training for all staff for current software. Maintain case records and Tribunal archives as directed by the Judicial Vicar.
- Extensive telephone interaction with priests, deacons, and laity.
- Judge in 1st and 2nd instance cases and write observations.
- Provide canonical guidance to judges and advocates when necessary.
- Coordinate Penal Trials and Administrative Penal Processes in conjunction with the Judicial Vicar as needed.
- Provide canonical opinions as requested.
- Interpret, analyze and administer canonical matters and non-canonical inquiries regarding church and diocesan matters as called upon by the Archbishop or as required in work with other offices/agencies/parishes/staffs or general population.
- Undertake necessary research, long-range and immediate, to shape opinions on various canonical matters. Provide oral and written opinions on canonical matters.
- Develop and carry out a plan for on-going parish education through tribunal presentations.

- Facilitate Briefer Process Cases. Coordinate case determination with Judicial Vicar. Act as Instructor for Briefer Process Cases. Prepare case for review by the Archbishop.
- Supervise and assign staff for the instruction of Documentary cases (Ligamen, Impotence, Defect of Form, Defect of Delegation).
- Supervise the instruction of Pauline Privilege cases for presentation to the Archbishop.
- Supervise the instruction of Petrine Privilege cases for presentation to the Holy Father.
- Supervise the instruction of *ratum non consummatum* cases for presentation to the Holy Father.
- Supervise the execution of expedited cases and cases for appeal.
- Supervise advocate participation.
- Prepare cases for the Court of Appeals (Springfield, MA).
- Prepare cases for appeal to the Roman Rota and Apostolic Signatura.
- Prepare annual statistical report for review of the Judicial Vicar and submission to the Apostolic Signatura.
- Prepare annual statistical report for review of the Judicial Vicar and submission to the CLSA.
- Maintains confidentiality of all office matters and proceedings in accordance with Canon Law and the directives of the Judicial Vicar.
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Judicial Vicar.

Adjunct Professor

2019 – present

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton, MA, U.S.A.

- Courses taught:
 - Introduction to Canon Law
 - Canon Law of the Sacraments
 - Canon Law for Pastoral Ministers

Ecclesiastical Judge

2013 – present

Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Boston, Braintree, MA, U.S.A.

- Instruct and judge marriage nullity cases of I and II instance
- Assist in instructing briefer marriage nullity cases
- Assist in instructing procedures of dissolution of marriages through the Pauline Privilege
- Assist in instructing procedures of dissolution of marriages in favor of the faith
- Provide canonical opinions

Civil Attorney and Canonical Advocate

2011 – 2012

Self-employed, Casale Monferrato (AL), Italy

- Legal advice and representation on family law
- Canonical advice and representation on marriage nullity cases

Defender of the Bond *ad casum* 2010 – 2012
Regional Ecclesiastical Tribunal of Piedmont, Torino, Italy
• Draft defender animadversions when requested

Trainee Attorney 2004 – 2007
Law Offices of Carlo Capra, Casale Monferrato (AL), Italy
• Legal traineeship in civil and penal law

DEGREES

Doctorate in Canon Law [J.C.D.]
2012
Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Vatican City State

Licentiate in Canon Law [J.C.L.]
2010
Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Vatican City State

Law Degree
2004
University of Piemonte Orientale, Alessandria, Italy

DIPLOMAS

Diploma of Canonical Administrative Practice
2023 [Expected graduation date]
Studium of the Dicastery for the Clergy, Rome, Vatican City State

Diploma of Expert in *ratum et non-consummatus* and nullity of the sacred orders procedures
2014
Studium of the Roman Rota Tribunal, Rome, Vatican City State

Diploma of Postulator
2011
Studium of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints, Rome, Vatican City State

First Cycle [Prerequisite Theological Background]
2007
Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Vatican City State

Diploma of Higher Education in Law [Erasmus Program]

2003

Coventry University, Coventry, U.K.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer

2016 – present

Apollinaris, Lateran University Press, Rome, Vatican City State.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Italian Bar

Admitted: 2012

Canon Law Society of America

Active member: 2013 – present

- Appointed member of the Committee on Laity: 2020 – 2023
 - Appointed Chair of the Committee on Laity: 2021 – 2023

Consociatio Internationalis Studio Iuris Canonici Promovendo

Active member: 2014 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Andrea Ponzone, *L'approccio epistemologico alla teologia del diritto canonico nel pensiero di T. Jiménez Urresti e L. Örsy* (Vatican City State: Lateran University Press, 2012).

Articles

Andrea Ponzone, "Norma Missionis: Mission as the Foundation and Core of Canon Law," *Studia Canonica* 56 (2022), 147–165.

Andrea Ponzone, "Norma Missionis in Pope Francis' Reform of the Marriage Nullity Process," *Canon Law Society of America Proceedings* 83 (2021), 273–295.

Andrea Ponzone, "Teologia e Diritto canonico nel pensiero di Ladislav Örsy," *Apollinaris* 85 (2012), 317–359.

Andrea Ponzone, "Theology and Canon Law: The Epistemological Approach of T. Jiménez Urresti," *The Jurist: Studies in Church Law and Ministry* 72 (2012), 577-604.

Book Reviews

Andrea Ponzone, "The Apostolic Constitution Preach the Gospel (*Praedicate Evangelium*). With an Appraisal of Francis's Reform of the Roman Curia by Massimo Faggioli," *Worship* (forthcoming).

Andrea Ponzone, "L'istruttoria nel processo di nullità matrimoniale, ed. Maria Cristina Bresciani, Francesco Catozzella, and Alessia Gullo," *The Jurist: Studies in Church Law and Ministry* 76 (2016), 299-301.

SELECTED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

"*Norma Missionis*: Mission as the Foundation and Core of Canon Law," Midwest Canon Law Society, 2023 Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, (scheduled for May 16, 2023).

"*Norma Missionis* in Pope Francis' Reform of the Marriage Nullity Process," Canon Law Society of America, 83rd Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, October 13, 2021.

"Holy See, Vatican, and the Roman Curia: Is There Any Difference?" The Catholic Lawyers' Guild of Boston, Braintree, MA, December 10, 2017.

"Pope Francis' Reform of the Marriage Nullity Process," The Catholic Lawyers' Guild of Boston, Braintree, MA, December 11, 2016.