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Presents new editions of three important papyri containing records of judicial proceedings from Roman Egypt, along with new insights into their historical context and interpretation. In all three cases, a socially eminent litigant is represented by an advocate of high status and rhetorical skill. By contrast, in two instances a non-elite individual is assisted by a demonstrably inferior advocate. - 1. Proceedings before the prefect Septimius Vegetus regarding the return of a loan (M.Chr. 80 = P. Flor. I, 61: unknown provenance, 8 February 85). - 2. Proceedings before a local official (strategos) on delegation by the prefect regarding the return of a deposit (P. Mil. Vogl. I, 25, col. I-col. IV 17: Tebtynis, Arsinoite, 27 December - 25 January 126/127). - 3. Petition to the strategos citing a record of proceedings before the prefect Aurelius Theodotos regarding the seizure of crops and livestock from an elderly cultivator of imperial land (P. Stras. I, 5: Hermopolis, before 7 September, 262).

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