

Cynthia J. Bannon, Legal Environments in Ulpian's Egypt.

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Refers to physical places as well as conceptual spaces embodied in Roman Egypt which was a key site of legal pluralism. Ulpian's writings offer important insight into juristic approaches to Egypt in part because Egypt appears more often in Digest of Justinian extracts ascribed to him than to any other jurist. Analyzes Ulpian's application of Roman law in Egypt in relation to provincial administration, criminal penalties, inheritance, and the physical environment to argue that Ulpian takes a more nuanced approach to law in the provinces than was typical of juristic writings, balancing traditional practice with openness to cultural and environmental difference. His attention to Egypt thus represents the dynamic process of adjustment in the early third century CE as the imperial chancery turned towards the provinces.

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