PHRASES

ab initio - from the beginning
ab ovo usque ad mala - from eggs to apples
(beginning to end of a meal)
ab sit invidia - let there be no ill will
ab sit omen - let there be no evil omen here
ab uno disce omnes - from this one example learn all the rest
ad finem - to the end
ad hominem - to the man (his character, not deeds)
ad infinitum - indefinitely, without end
ad interim - in the meantime
ad Kalendas Graecas - to the Greek Kalends (which didn't exist; therefore, 'never')
ad maiorem Dei gloriam - to the greater glory of God
ad nauseam - to the point of disgust or boredom
ad utrumque paratus - prepared for either outcome
aequo animo - with calm mind
aere perennis - more lasting than bronze
agenda - things to be done or accomplished
Agnus Dei - the Lamb of God
Alma Mater - nourishing mother
alter ego - a second self, a bosom friend
amicus curiae - a friend of the court
anguis in herba - a snake in the grass, a traitor
ante bellum - before the U.S. Civil War
ape Satanas - get thee behind me, Satan
aqua vitae - the water of life (alcohol)
aurea mediocritas - the golden mean
aurora borealis - the Northern Lights
aut Caesar aut nullus - either a Caesar or a nobody
buna fide - in good faith
carpe diem - seize the day (the opportunity)
casus belli - an occasion of war
caveat emptor - let the buyer beware
cave canem - beware of the dog
circa - about
consilium et armis - by counsel and by arms
coram populi - in public
corpus delicti - the facts of a crime
cui bono - for whose benefit?
cum grano salis - with a grain of salt (lightly)
cum laude - with honor
de facto - according to fact
de gustibus non est disputandum - there is no accounting for tastes
de iure - according to the law
de novo - anew, afresh
de profundis - out of the depths
Dei gratia - by the grace of God
Deo favente - with God's favor
Deo gratias - thanks to God
deus ex machina - a sudden resolution through divine intervention
dierae - the Day of Wrath (Judgment Day)
dis aliter visum - the gods thought otherwise
disiecta membra - scattered parts
Dominus vobiscum - The Lord be with you
dramatis personae - characters of a play
emeritus - retired after long service
errare humanum est - to err is human
exceunt omnes - they all leave
exit - he or she leaves
ex pede Herculem - to judge the whole by the part
(lit., 'Hercules from his foot')
experientia docet - experience teaches
ex post facto - resulting after the fact/deed
facta non verba - deeds, not words
fata obstant - the fates are opposed
fervet opus - the place hums with activity
festina lente - make haste slowly
fit lux - let there be light
fides Punic - Carthaginian faith (treachery)
fides Achates - a faithful friend
finem respicere - consider the outcome
flagrante delicto - in the very act itself
genius loci - the protecting deity of the spot
hic et ubique - here and everywhere
hic iacet - here lies (on a tombstone)
in articulo mortis - at the point of death
infra dignitatem - beneath one's dignity
in limine - on the threshold
in loco parentis - in place of a parent
in medias res - into the middle of things
in memoriam - in memory of
in omnia paratus - prepared for all things
in perpetuum - forever
in re - in the matter of, concerning
in situ - in its original location
inter alia - among other things
inter nos - among ourselves
inter se - among themselves
in toto - in its entirety
invita Minerva - without inspiration (lit., 'with Minerva unwilling')
ipsissima verba - the very words
ipso facto - by the very fact itself
ius civile - civil law
ius divinum - divine law
lapsus linguae - a slip of the tongue
laus Deo - praise be to God
magnum opus - a great literary work
me iudice - in my judgment
memento mori - remember to die
miles gloriosus - a bragging soldier
modus operandi - method of committing a crime
ne plus ultra - uppermost limit
ne quid nimis - nothing in excess
nolens volens - willy-nilly
non compos mentis - not of sound mind
novus homo - a new man, a newcomer
obiter dictum - a passing remark
odium cum dignitate - leisure with dignity
patres conscripti - conscript fathers
paucis verbis - in a few words
pax vobiscum - peace be with you
per capita - for each individual
per se - by itself, intrinsically
persona non grata - an unwelcome person
pollice verso - with thumb turned down
post obitum - after death
probatum est - it has been approved
quid pro quo - tit for tat; an equivalent
res gestae - accomplishments, deeds
res publica - the government, the republic
res pensive - consider the outcome
salsor resaurus - the tailor re-taileored
semper fideis - always faithful
semper idem - always the same
sempassim - so everywhere
sic transit gloria mundi - thus earth's
glory passes away
sine die - without a day established
sine qua non - a necessity (lit., 'that
without with not')
siste, viator - stop, traveler (found
on tombstones)
status quo - the existing condition
stet - let it stand
sub rosa - in private, confidential
sui generis - of its own kind
sui juris - in one's own right
sumnum bonum - the highest good
tabula rasa - a clean slate
tempus fugit - time flies
tu quoque - you also
una voce - with one voice, unanimously
urbi et orbi - to the city and the world
vade in pace - go in peace
vale/valete - farewell
vice versa - the other way around
vide - see
vil et armis - by force of arms
vox populi, vox Dei - the voice of the
people is the voice of God

--Cui bono? - For whose good?
--Dum anima est, spe est -- While there is life there is hope
--Hannibal ad portas -- Hannibal at the gates (imminent danger)
--Magna di curant, parva neglegunt -- The gods take care of
large things but neglect small things
--O fortunatum natam me consule Romam -- O happy Rome,
born when I was consul
--O tempora! O mores! -- Oh the times, oh the customs!
--Otium cum dignitate -- Leisure with dignity
--Quo usque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra? -- How
long will you abuse our patience, Catilina?
--Salus populi suprema lex esto -- The welfare of the people
shall be the highest law
--Silent enim leges inter arma -- Laws are useless in war

Quintus ENNIUS
--O Tite tute Tati tibi tanta tyrannae tulisti -- Thyself to
thysel, Titus Tatius the tyrant, thou tookest those
terrible troubles

Quintus Horatius Flaccus (Horace)
--Auream medicotronem -- golden mediocrity
--Carpe diem -- Seize the day
--Consule Planco -- when Plancus was consul (in the good old
days)
--Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori -- It is sweet and
proper to die for one's country
--Exegeti monumentum aere perennius -- I have built a
monument more lasting than bronze
--Fumum et opes strepitumque Romae -- The smoke and the
grandeur and the noise of Rome
--Indignor quandoque bonus dormitat Homerii -- I think it a
shame if good Homer also falls asleep
--In medias res -- into the middle of things
--Ira furore brevi est -- Anger is a brief madness
--Laudator temporis acti -- a praiser of a past time
--Leges sine moribus vanae -- Laws without morals are
useless
--Lusisti satis, edisti satis atque bibisti; tempus abire tibi est --
You have played, eaten, and drunk enough; it is time for
you to leave
--Nil mortalibus ardui est -- Nothing is difficult for mortals
--Non omnis moriar -- I shall not altogether die
--Odi profanum vulgus et arceo -- I hate the common crowd
and I keep away
--O rus, quando ego te aspiciam? -- O farm, when shall I look
on you again?
--Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus -- Mountains are
in labor, but a ridiculous mouse is born
--Persicos odi puer apparatus -- Persian luxury, boy, I hate it
--Semper avarus eget -- A greedy man is always poor
--Vis consilii experim mole ruit -- Force without planning falls
by its own weight

Quintus Junius JUVENALIS
--Difficile est saturam non scribere -- It is difficult not to
write satire
--Lingua mali pars pessimia servi -- The tongue is the worst
part of a bad slave
--Mens sana in corpore sano -- A healthy mind in a healthy
--Omnia Romae cum pretio -- Everything at Rome has a price
--Panem et circenses -- bread and circuses
--Rara avis in terris nigroque simillima cygno -- A rare bird
  on earth and very like a black swan
--Sed quis custodiet ipsos custodes? -- But who will guard the
  guardians?

Titus LUCRETIUS Carus
--De nihilo nihil -- Nothing is created from nothing

Marcus Valerius MARTIALis
--Non amo te Sabidi -- I do not like you, Sabidius

Gnaeus NAFLIVUS
--Fato Metelli Romae fiunt consules -- The Metelli are
  elected consuls in Rome by luck (i.e., not skill!)

Nero
--Qualis artifex pereo -- What an artist I am, and I'm dying!

Publius OVIDIUS Naso
--Auctor opus laudat -- An author praises his own work
--Carmen et error -- A poem and a mistake (the reason he
  says he was exiled)
--Credula res amor est -- Love is a believable thing
--Fas est et ab hoste doceri -- It is right even to be taught by
  an enemy
--Finis coronat opus -- The end crowns the work
--Medio tutissimum ibis -- You will go most safely in the
  middle
--Omnia mutatur nihil interit -- All things change, nothing
  perishes
--Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis -- Times change
  and we change are changed in them
--Tempus edax rerum -- Time, the devourer of things
--Tristis eris si solus eris -- You will be sad if you are alone
--Vergilius vidi tantum -- I had but a glimpse of Vergil

Gaius Plinius Secundus (Pliny the Elder)
--cum grano salis -- with a grain of salt
--in vino veritas -- in wine there is truth

Publius Syrus
--Bis dat qui cito dat -- He gives twice who gives quickly
--Iudex damnatur cum nocens absolvitur -- The judge is
  condemned when the guilty man is set free

Lucius Annaeus SENECa
--errare humanum est -- to err is human
--Res severa est verum gaudium -- True joy is a serious thing

Publius Terentius Afer (Terence)
--Dictum sapienti satis est -- A word to the wise is sufficient
--Fortuna fortes adjuvant -- Fortune favors the brave
--Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto -- I am a
  human; I consider that nothing human is unknown to me
--Quot homines, tot sententiae -- For any number of men
  there are as many different opinions

Publius VERGILIus Maro
--Amor omnia vincit -- Love overcomes all things

--Anguis in herba -- A snake in the grass (hidden danger)
--Arma virumque cano -- I sing of weapons and a man (first
  words of the Aeneid)
--Audentes fortuna iuvat -- Fortune favors the bold
--Conticuere omnes inteniente ora tenebant -- All were silent
  and listened to him
--Dextrum Scylla latus, laevum implicata Charybdis -- Scylla
  is on the right, and unapproachable Charybdis on the left
--Dis aliter visum -- It was seen otherwise by the gods
--Dux femina facti -- A woman was the leader of the effort
--Facilis descensus Averno -- Easy is the descent to Avernus
--Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas -- Happy is the one
  who was able to learn the causes of things
--Fervet opus -- The place hums with activity
--Fidus Achates -- Faithful Achates (or any faithful companion)
--Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit -- Perhaps it will one
  day be pleasant to remember even these things
--Furor arma ministrat -- Fury gives power to weapons
--Ilium fuit -- Troy was (and is no more)
--Infandum regina iubes renovare dolorem -- Too deep for
  words, O queen, lies the sorrow that you ask me to
  renew
--Labor omnia vincit -- Work overcomes all things
--Mantua me gemit; Calabri rapuere; tenet nunc Parthenope.
  Cecini, pascua, rura, ducis. -- Mantua bore me; the
  Calabrians captivated me; now Naples holds me. I sang
  of flocks, fields, and leaders. (Vergil's epitaph)
--Non ignara mali misericors succurrere disco -- Not ignorant of
  evil, I learn to aid the unfortunate
--non passibus aequis -- with unequal steps (said of Ascanius
  trying to keep up with his father Aeneas' walking)
--Nunc scio quid sit Amor -- Now I know what Love is
--O lux Dardanidae, spes o dìssima Teucrum -- O light of the
  family of Dardanus, o most faithful hope of the family
  of Teucer (Aeneas said to Hector's ghost)
--O passi graviora, dabit deus his quoque finem -- O you who
  have endured heavier things, the god will grant an end
  to these things too
--Possunt quia posse videntur -- They can because they seem
  to themselves to be able
--Romanos, rerum dominos, gentemque togam -- The
  Romans, masters of all things, the toga-clad race
--Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt -- Even here
  the woes of man touch the heart of man
--Tempus fugit -- Time flies
--Timo Danaos et dona ferentes -- I fear the Greeks and the
  gifts they bring
--Tu regere imperio populos Romane memento (hae tibi erunt
  artes), pacisque imponere morem, parcere subjectis et
  debellare superbos -- Roman, remember to rule the
  peoples with power (these will be your arts), to impose
  a habit of peace, to spare those who are conquered and
  war down those who are arrogant
--Ultima Thule -- Farthest Thule (to the Romans, the most
  distant place known)
--Varius et mutabilem semper femina -- A woman is an ever
  changing and fickle thing

Titus Flavius VESPASIANus
--Vae puto deus fieri -- Alas I think I am becoming a god (his
  last words)
MOTTOES

Olympics
Citius, altius, fortius -- Swifter, higher, stronger

United States
E pluribus unum -- Out of many, one

U.S. $1 Bill
Novus ordo seclorum -- A new order of the people
Annuit coeptis -- (God) has smiled on our undertakings

Canada
A mari usque ad mare -- From ocean to ocean

Yale University
Lux et Veritas -- Light and Truth

Harvard University
Veritas -- Truth

Constantine (Roman emperor, 4th cent. A.D.)
In hoc signo vinces -- In this sign you will conquer
(referring to the Christian Cross he saw in a dream)

Oxford University
Dominus illuminatio mea -- The Lord (is) my light

Scotland
Nemo me impune lacessit -- No one provokes me with impunity

Descartes (French philosopher)
Cogito ergo sum -- I think therefore I am

Alabama
Audemus iura nostra defendere -- We dare defend our rights

Arizona
Ditat deus -- God enriches

Arkansas
Regnat populus -- Let the people rule

California
Eureka -- I have found it (a Greek word, actually)

Colorado
Nil sine numine -- Nothing without divine guidance

District of Columbia
Iustitia omnibus -- Justice for All

Idaho
Esto perpetua -- May it last forever

Kansas
Ad astra per aspera -- To the stars through difficulties

Maine
Dirigo -- I point the way

Maryland
Scuto bonae voluntatis Tuae coronasti nos -- With the shield of Thy good will though hast covered us

Massachusetts
Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietam -- With the sword she seeks calm peace under liberty

Michigan
Si quaevis paeninsulam amoemam, circumspe -- If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you

Mississippi
Virtute et armis -- By courage and by weapons

Missouri
Salus populi suprema lex esto -- The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law

New York
Excelsior -- Ever upward

North Carolina
Esse quam videri -- To be rather than to seem

Ohio
Imperium in imperio -- Power in power

Oklahoma
Labor omnia vincit -- Work overcomes all things

Oregon
Alis volat propriis -- Let him fly with his own wings

South Carolina
Dum spiro spero -- While I breathe I hope

Animis opibusque paratis -- Prepared in minds and in resources

Virginia
Sic semper tyrannis -- Thus always to tyrants

West Virginia
Montani semper liberi -- Mountaineers are always free

Wyoming
Cedant arma togae -- Let weapons give way to the toga

ABBREVIATIONS

a. (annus) - year
ab init. (ab initio) - from the beginning
a.c. (ante cibum) - before meals
a.i. (ad interim) - in the meantime
A.D. (Anno Domini) - in the year of the Lord
ad lib. (ad libitum) - freely, at will
ad loc. (ad locum) - to/at the place
ad val. (ad valorem) - in proportion to the value
(also spelled a.v. or a/v)
aet. (aetatis) - aged
Ag (argentum) - silver
A.H. (Anno Hebraico) - in the Hebrew Year
a.m. (ante meridiem) - before noon
aq. bull. (aqua bullata) - with boiling water
Au (aurum) - gold
A.U.C. (ab urbe condita) - from the founding of the city
B.A. (Baccalaureus Artium) - Bachelor of Arts
b.i.d. (bis in die) - twice a day
c. (congius) - gallon
c.a. (circa) - approximately
cent. (centum) - hundred
cet. par. (ceteris paribus) - with other things being equal
cf. (confer) - compare
con. (coniunctus) - wife
COS (consul) - consul
Cu (cuprum) - copper
d. (denarius) - British penny
D. (Deus) - God
D.G. (Dei Gratia) - by the grace of God
D.O.M. (Deo Optimo Maximo) - to God, the best and greatest
d.s.p. (cessit sine prole) - he died without children
d.t. (delirium tremens) - acute reaction to poison or alcohol (the d.t.'s)
D.V. (Deo Volente) - with God willing
e.g. (exempli gratia) - for the sake of example
e.o. (ex officio) - by virtue of previous office
etc. (et cetera) - and so forth
ex lib. (ex libris) - from the library of
F.D. (Fidei Defensor) - Defender of the Faith
Fe (ferrum) - iron
fec. (feci) - he or she made this
fl. (floruit) - he or she flourished
f.r. (folio recto) - on the right-hand page
frust. (frustis) - in small portions
f.v. (folio verso) - on the back of the page
h.a. (hoc anno) - in this year
h.c. (honoris causa) - for the sake of honor
Hg (hydrargryrum) - mercury
h.s. (hora somni) - at bedtime
i.a. (in absentia) - in absence
ibid. (ibidem) - in the same place
id. (idem) - the same
i.e. (id est) - that is
IM. (imperator) - emperor
imp. (imprimatur) - let it be printed
L.N.R.I. (Iesus Nazarens Rex Iudaeorum) - Jesus of Nazareth. King of the Jews (inscribed on the Cross)
i.q. (idem quod) - the same as
K (kalium) - potassium
lb. (libra) - pound
lib. (liber) - book
loc. cit. (loc. citato) - in the place mentioned
loq. (loquitur) - he speaks
L.S. (locus sigilli) - the place of the seal
m. (meridies) - noon
M.A. (Magister Artium) - Master of Arts
M.D. (Medicinæ Doctor) - Doctor of Medicine
m.m. (mutatis mutandis) - with the necessary changes made
M.P. (mille passus) - mile
MS. (manuscriptum) - manuscript
n. (natus) - born
Na (natrium) - salt
N.B. (nota bene) - note well
n.l. (non licet) - it is not permitted
N.L. (non liquet) - it is not clear
non seq. (non sequitur) - it does not follow logically
o. (octarius) - pint
ob. (obit) - he or she died
o.d. (oculus dexter) - the right eye
op. cit. (opere citato) - in the work mentioned
o.s. (oculus sinister) - the left eye
p. (pater) - father
Pb (plumbum) - lead
p.c. (post cibum) - after meals
p.d. (per diem) - per day
per ann. (per annum) - annually
Ph.D. (Philosophiæ Doctor) - Doctor of Philosophy
pinx. (pinxit) - he or she painted (this
p.m. (post meridiem) - after noon
p.m. (post mortem) - after death
p.o. (per os) - daily
P.P. (Pater Patriae) - father of his country
p.p.a. (?) - shake before using
p.r.n. (pro re nata) - as the situation demands
pro tem. (pro tempore) - temporarily
p.s (post scriptum) - written after
q.e.d. (quod erat demonstrandum) - which was to be demonstrated
q.e.f. (quod erat faciendum) - which was to be done
q.h. (quaque hora) - every hour
q.i.d. (quater in die) - four times a day
q.m. (quaque mane) - every morning
q.n. (quaque nocte) - every night
q.s. (quantum sufficit) - as much as is enough
q.v. (quod vide) - see elsewhere
R. (rex or regina) - king or queen
R.I.P. (requiescat in pace) - may he rest in peace
Rx (recipe) - take as directed
Sb (stibium) - antimony
S.C.U. (Senatus Consultum Ultimum) - a decree of martial law by the Roman Senate
sculp. (sculpit) - he or she sculpted (this
s.d. (sine die) - without a day set, indefinitely
seq. (sequens) - the following
s.l.a.n. (sine loco anno vel nomine) - without place, year, or name
Sn (stannum) - tin
s.o.s. (si opus sit) - if need should arise
s.p. (sine prole) - without offspring
SPQR (Senatus Populusque Romanus) - the Senate and Roman People
ss. (semis) - half
S.S.V. (?) - poison
stat. (statim) - immediately
S.T.T.L. (sit tibi terra levis) - may the earth be light upon you
sup. (supra) - above
t.i.d. (ter in die) - three times a day
u.s. (ut supra) - as above
ut dict. (ut dictum) - as directed
ux. (uxor) - wife
v. (vide) - see
v.i. (vide infra) - see below
viz. (videlicet) - namely
vs. (versus) - against
v.s. (vide supra) - see above

Roman Names
A. AV, AVL - Aulus
APP - Appius
C - Gaius
CN - Gnaeus
D - Decimus
K - Kaeso
L - Lucius
M - Marcus
M' - Manius
MAM - Mamercus
P - Publius
Q - Quintus
S - Spurius
SER - Servius
SEX - Sextus
T - Titus
Tl - Tiberius