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A contrario

By way of contrast; in the opposite sense; on the other hand

A dato

From the date, i.e. from the date of issue/ announcement

A fortiori

All the more; with stronger reason; more conclusively

A limine

From the start

A mensa et toro

Separation from bed and board, judicial separation

A posteriori

Reasoning from the effect to the causes; empirical; inductive reasoning

A priori

Deductive(ly); (reasoning) from causes to effect or from assumed axioms, and not from experience

A quo

Whence; from which; (for instance a judgment of the court a quo means a judgment of a court of first instance, that is the court before which the matter was heard for the first time before it was brought to the present court).

A tempore morae

From the moment the debtor is in default

A verbis legis non recedendum set

The express words of the statute should not be departed from.

A vincula matrimonii

From the bond of wedlock or matrimony or marriage

Ab antique

From old times

Ab initio
From the beginning; from the start

Ab intestato
Of a person dying without a valid will; intestate

Aberratio ictus
Misdirection of the blow; ill – aimed (inadvertent) blow; mishit (hitting the wrong mark, not the person or object aimed at.

Abolitio – onis
Destruction; abolition; repeal; abrogation

Abrogare (legem)
Abrogate; repeal, annul (a law)

Absente adversario
By default

Absente reo
In the absence of the accused

Absentia, in --
In (one's) absence; by default

Abusus non tollit usum
Misuse of a thing does not preclude or rule out its proper use

Accedere ad negotium
Come into the case

Accessio –onis
Accession; increase; addition; accessory thing; joining of things

Accessio possessionis
Combining periods of holding of predecessors in title; in the case of (prescription) addition of periods of possession by predecessors in title

Accessio credit (rei) principali
The accessory follows the principal thing

Accessorium
Accessory element

Accidentalia
Non –essential (contingent or incidental) elements of a contract

Actio
Action; claim; lawsuit

Actio ad exhibendum
Action for the production of property

Actio aquae pluviae arcendae
Action for the removal of obstructions erected by a neighbour to impede the natural flow of rain – water (property law)

Actio quanti minoris
Action for the reduction of the purchase price

Actio Auctoritatis
Action Following A Breach Of Warranty In Connection With A Sale

Actio Bonae Fidei
Equitable Action

Actio Calumniate
Action For Damages For Malicious Prosecution

Actio Commodati
Action Upon Loan For Use

Actio Commodati Contraria
Action Of The Borrower

Actio Commodati Directa
Action Of The Lender

Actio Communi Dividundo
Action For The Division Of Joint Property; Action To Divide A Thing That Belongs To Co - Owners

Actio Conducti
Action Of Hiring Instituted By The Lessee Against The Lessor To Enforce Performance Of The Contract; Action Available To The Lessee To Claim Damages From The Lessor Upon Eviction

Actio Confessoria
Action That The Holder Of The Servitude Can Protect His/Her Right (Notarial Practice)

Actio Damni Iniuria
Action For Damages

Actio De Constituta Pecunia
Action To Enforce The Payment Of Money By A Person Who Has Undertaken To Discharge The Liability.

Actio De In Rem Verso
Action Founded On Equity Forbidding Enrichment At The Cost Of One's Neighbour.

Actio De Pastu
Action For Damages Resulting From The Consumption Of My Pasture By My Neighbour's Cattle.

Actio De Pauperie
Action Relating To Damage Or Injury Caused To Someone By The Domestic Animal Of Another.

Actio De Tigno (In) Iuncto
A Person Building On His Own Ground With The Materials Of Another Is Liable To The Latter