
Subject: Legal-type joke.
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 13 Oct 2004 23:04:30 GMT
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Ok, for this you need your legal Latin to English dictionary. If you figure out the punchline, keep it to yourself for now.

There once was a lawyer named Rex
Who had a diminutive organ of sex
Charged with indecent exposure,
He pled with composure,
"de minimus non curat lex."

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Posted by [MilkyLep](#) on Wed, 13 Oct 2004 23:15:28 GMT
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HahHahaha, looked online couldnt find curat , so i dont get it

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it's written in "legalese" style latin. Meaning, most translators probably wont' have it.

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Hmmm, petty crimes of the law?

Subject: Legal-type joke.
Posted by [NHJ BV](#) on Thu, 14 Oct 2004 21:50:42 GMT
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I think I get it, even without a dictionary (had Latin for six years). I'll put it down in a really small font and in black:

I think "de minimus non curat lex" means something like "the law doesn't cover the minute" indicating the size of his thingy...

Subject: Legal-type joke.

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 14 Oct 2004 22:31:22 GMT

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Close, but not quite. It's had a day, so I'll give the punch line.

"de minimus non curat lex." =

"The matter is too small for the courts."

It's was used in minor summary convictions (misdemeanours) as a valid defence. If it was a crime such as stealing a jellybean from a candy store or something like that, so someone could use the defence saying that it was such a small matter, why bring it to trial?
