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This book studies family life and gender broadly within Italy, not just one region or city, from the fourteenth through the seventeenth centuries. Paternal control of the household was paramount in Italian life at this time, with control of property and even marital choices and career paths laid out for children and carried out from beyond the grave by means of written testaments. However, the reality was always more complex than a simple reading of local laws and legal doctrines would seem to permit, especially when there were no sons to step forward as heirs. Family disputes provided an opening for legal ambiguities to redirect property and endow women with property and means of control. This book uses the decisions of lawyers and judges to examine family dynamics through the lens of law and legal disputes.

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Jurists

- Anagni, Giovanni da (d.1457) Canonist who taught at Bologna and active in politics there, until left a widower and entered the clergy, becoming eventually archdeacon of Bologna.
- Bartolo da Sassoferrato (1313–57) Most famous jurist of the period. From a small village in the Marche, studied at Padua and Bologna. Took his doctorate in 1334 and taught at Pisa and Perugia, where he taught the Ubaldi brothers. Stunning legacy of commentaries and opinions that all after him had to take into account.
- Benedetti da Capra, Benedetto (1390?–1470) Born in Perugia. Studied at Bologna with Giovanni da Imola. Politically active in his native city, where he began to teach around 1422, mainly canon law.
- Butrio, Antonio da (1338–1408) Lay canonist, taught at Bologna after taking his doctorate relatively late in 1387. Taught in Florence 1393–99.
- Castro, Paolo di ser Angelo di (1360–1441) Doctorate and first teaching post at Avignon. Also taught at Siena, Florence (from 1412), and Padua.
- Cavallo, Pietro (d. 1616) From the Lunigiana. Worked in grand ducal courts in Tuscany.
- Cipolla, Bartolomeo (1420–75) From Verona. Studied at Bologna with Paolo di Castro and obtained his doctorate in 1446. Taught at Padua from 1458.
- Corgna, Pierfilippo della (1420–92) From a prominent Perugian family, doctorate around 1444. Political posts there during his teaching career. Taught for a while in 1470s in Pisa.
- Corti, Francesco (1432–95) Born at Pavia where he taught from 1453, also acting as counselor to the dukes of Milan.

- Decio, Filippo (1454–1535) Of a Milanese noble family. Obtained doctorate at Pisa in 1475. Taught in Pisa until 1502 and again 1516–28. Also taught at Siena, Padua, and Pavia.
- Imola, Giovanni Niccoletti da (1367–1436) Degree in both laws in 1397. Taught mainly canon law at Bologna, Padua, and Ferrara.
- Maino, Giasone del (1435–1519) Milanese noble birth, possibly illegitimate. Taught at Pavia, 1471–85, then Padua, and back to Pavia. Famed humanist jurist Andrea Alciato (1492–1550) came to study with him.
- Mugello, Dino del (d. 1303?) Tuscan by birth. Taught in Pistoia and Bologna. Involved with Boniface VIII in the compilation of the *Liber Sextus* of canon law.
- Pellegrini, Marcantonio (1530–1616) Venetian attorney and counsel. Born Vicenza, doctorate in both laws in 1558 at Padua. Became *avvocato fiscale* for Venice in 1576.
- Ponte, Lodovico da (1409–39) Brief but spectacular career. Doctorate from Bologna, taught in Florence for a few years (1428–31). The auditor of the Rota in Rome before going to Siena in 1433. Later Alfonso V's representative at council of Basel, where he died.
- Ponte, Oldrado da (d. 1335) Born in Lodi, studied at Bologna, taught for a while at Padua, practiced at Avignon.
- Sandei, Felino (1444–1503) From Ferrara, where he later taught canon law (also at Pisa). Held various posts in Rome and was bishop of Atri and Lucca.
- Sozzini, Bartolomeo (1436–1506) Son of Mariano the elder, began study of law in Siena around 1452. Taught in Siena and Pisa.
- Sozzini, Mariano (elder) (1397–1467) Took his doctorate around 1425.
- Sozzini, Mariano (junior) (1482–1556) Siennese, known for the *cautela socciniana* in fideicommissary substitutions.
- Tartagni, Alessandro (1424–77) From Imola. Degree in both laws. Taught at Pavia, Bologna, Ferrara, and Padua.
- Ubaldi, Angelo (1325–1400) Perugia. Taught at Perugia, Bologna, Padua, and Florence.
- Ubaldi, Baldo (1327–1400) Born in Perugia where he was taught by Bartolo and took his degree. Taught at all the leading universities at one point: Bologna, Perugia, Pisa, Florence, Padua, and Pavia.
- Zabarella, Francesco (1360–1417) Canonist and cardinal. Doctorate from Florence in 1385, where he taught until 1390, then at Padua until 1410. Made bishop of Florence and cardinal by the antipope John XXIII.

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