

PREFACE

The nineteenth meeting of the Society for Greek and Hellenistic Legal History, the Symposium, took place in Hauser Hall at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, August 26–29, 2013. In seven sessions spread over four days we heard fifteen papers and responses (two responses delivered in absentia) by scholars from eight countries in Europe and North America. As in the previous meetings no general subject was provided: every speaker was free to report his or her latest studies. In addition, a boat tour of the Boston harbor and (for many) a walking tour of Boston and Cambridge provided a break from the proceedings.

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