

Latin for ‘Defender of the Rule of Law’

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I am grateful to *The Times* for the kind birthday greetings (2 January 2012). Before anyone else does, may I hastily point out that my description as self-appointed defender of the Rule of Law should be *defensor* (not *defessor*) *legum auctoritatis*. The phrase was kindly Latinized for me by the University of Oxford Public Orator, Professor Jasper Griffin. I would not like him to think I had transgressed.¹

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