Concerning professors, who, teaching in the city of Constantinople, shall have according to law, received the title of count.

(De professoribus qui in urbe Constantinopolitana docentes ex lege meruerint comitivam.)

12.15.1. Emperors Theodosius and Caesar Valentinian to Theophilus, Prefect of the City.

If the grammarians, Greek and Latin, the sophists and the learned in the law,¹ who practice their profession in this imperial city, and who are a part of the fixed number (as regulated by law), have by their demeanor shown that they have led a praiseworthy life, and if they have demonstrated their experience in teaching, their eloquence in speaking, their subtlety in interpretation and their fluency in dissertation, and if they have been adjudged worthy by the exalted council (the senate), shall, after twenty years of constant attention and diligent teaching, be honored and numbered among those of the rank of vicar.²

Given at Constantinople March 7 (425).

C. Th. 6.21.1.

¹ [Blume] Evidently the professors in the law school were meant.