Summary

The main tasks of canon law is to help believers to gain salvation by protecting their rights. That is also the responsibility of the tribunals of the Church. They are fulfilling their vocation mainly by making annulments.
The article presents the metropolitan tribunal of second instance. It consists of four parts. The first one describes the tribunal in question. The next, deals with general ways of functioning of the second instance tribunals. The last two parts discuss in details particular cases like an appellation, a recourse, new ground of nullity of marriage, an examination of witnesses, collection of evidence, and others.
In summary it can be said that canon law imposes high standards on the tribunals of second instance. It is a very important duty of the metropolitans to supervise them.