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**Professor Silvio Ferrari
Presented International Center for Law and Religion Studies Distinguished Service Award**

(Provo, UT – Oct. 7, 2012) The International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS) at BYU will present Silvio Ferrari, professor at the University of Milan, Italy, with the Distinguished Service Award at the opening session of the Nineteenth Annual International Law and Religion Symposium on Sunday, October 7, at 7 p.m. MDT. Professor Ferrari will also be one of the keynote speakers at this session, which will be streamed live over the internet from the Moot Court Room of the BYU Law School (for information please visit the Annual Symposium tab at www.iclrs.org).

Professor Ferrari is Professor of Canon Law at the University of Milan and Professor of Church-State Relations at the University of Leuven in Belgium. He has founded, together with other professors, the European Consortium for Church and State Research. He is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the Institut européen en sciences des religions (EPHE, Paris) and of the Board of Experts of the International Religious Liberty Association (Silver Spring, Maryland). Honorary Life President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies, Professor Ferrari also serves as co-Editor-in-Chief of the newly launched Oxford Journal of Law and Religion.

“We are pleased to honor Professor Silvio Ferrari, a world-class scholar on law and religion issues,” stated Professor Elizabeth A. Clark, Associate Director of the Center. “He has contributed so much to expanding the study of law and religion and establishing religious freedom throughout the world.”

Professor Ferrari has been a visiting professor in Paris (École Pratique des Hautes Études) and Berkeley (University of California) and advises many international organizations, including the European Union and the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe. The International Center for Law and Religion Studies is deeply honored to be able to receive him in Provo, and to bestow its highest honor upon him.