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Patrick McKinley Brennan joined Villanova University in 2004 as the Scarpa Chair in Catholic Legal Studies and later also served as Associate Dean. Professor Brennan studies questions in jurisprudence and public law, including sovereignty, equality, authority, the rule of law, constitutionalism, family, forgiveness, and the liberty of the church. Professor Brennan has published three books and some sixty other pieces. He is currently completing three books, including The Sovereignty of the Good: An Essay on Law, Church, and Authority (forthcoming Oxford University Press). His earlier books include By Nature Equal: The Anatomy of a Western Insight (Princeton, 1999) (with J. Coons). Before moving to Villanova, Brennan taught for eight years at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where he also served as Vice Dean. Brennan is a graduate of Yale College, the University of Toronto, and Berkeley Law. Brennan clerked for Hon. John T. Noonan, Jr.***

Robert A. Destro is Professor of Law and founding Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Law & Religion, and serves as the Director of the Marriage Law Project at The Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. Actively involved in marriage-related law and policy issues since 1994, he has provided advice and legal assistance on marriage-related issues to legislators at the state and national levels, and on marriage-related religious liberty issues to churches and church-related institutions in the United States and abroad. Co-author, with Michael S. Ariens, of Religious Liberty in a Plurality...
Professor Destro has written extensively on the relationship of religion and culture in the United States and in the Middle East.

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Scott FitzGibbon is a graduate of the Harvard Law School (J.D.), where he was an Articles Officer of the Harvard Law Review, and of Oxford University (B.C.L.), where he studied legal philosophy. He is a professor at Boston College Law School, a member of the American Law Institute, and a member of the International Society of Family Law. He is the Editor in Chief of the International Journal of the Jurisprudence of the Family and Senior Vice President of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family.


His scholarly presentations include “The ‘Beautiful City’ of Plato’s Republic: How the Legal and Social Promotion of Divorce and Same-Sex Marriage Contravenes the Philosophy and Undermines the Projects of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights” (United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, August, 2004); “Divorce and the Decline of Obligation: Towards a Recovery of the Philosophy of Marital Fidelity” (Beijing, China, July, 2004); “Procreative Justice and the Recognition of Marriage” (Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, September, 2006); “Marriage Law: Selected Topics” (University of Padua, Padua, Italy, May, 2007); “Supporting the Family by Telling the Truth: The Law’s Duty of Veracity” (University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, September, 2008); “Is Family Law Sacred?” (Bar Ilan University, Israel, 2009); “Thieving Spartan Boys” (Trinity College, Dublin, February, 2011); and “The Legal Definition of the Family” (panel presentation)(Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Massachusetts, March, 2011).

He was the co-convener, together with Professor Lynn Wardle, of a symposium on the Jurisprudence of Marriage at Boston College Law School and Brigham Young University on March 13 & 15, 2009, a symposium on the Jurisprudence of the Family at Bratislava Law School on May 28-29, 2010, at which he delivered a paper entitled “That Man is You!": The Juristic Person and Faithful Love,” symposia at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in May, 2011 and at the University of Malta in July, 2011, where he delivered a paper entitled
"Parenting and the Culture of Friendship," and a symposium at the Qatar Foundation in Doha, Qatar in May and June, 2012, at which he delivered a paper entitled “The Biological Basis for the Recognition of the Family.”

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**Carmen Garcimartin** has been a Professor of Law at the University of La Coruña (Spain) since 2004. Before joining it, she taught at the University of Santiago de Compostela. She holds a PhD in the University of Santiago de Compostela (1998).

Professor Garcimartin has been a Visiting Scholar and Lecturer in Universities from Italy, Turkey, Ireland, Slovenia and USA. She has published in the areas of Family Law and Law and Religion in Spanish, European and American Journals, and she authored several books on the same issues. Currently, she is the Secretary of the Department of Public Law and Coordinator for International Relations in the School of Law, University of La Coruña. She is contributing editor and reviewer of several Spanish Law Journals; she is also a member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Law and Jurisprudence and Executive Secretary of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family.

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**A. Scott Loveless** is a consulting attorney on natural resource issues and has recently accepted an appointment to rejoin the Office of the Solicitor in Washington, D.C., to facilitate monitoring of the federal off-shore oil program in the Gulf of Mexico. From 2001 through the end of 2008, he was on the faculty of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, affiliated with the World Family Policy Center. He retains his interest and involvement in family policy questions and continues to write in that arena.

After observing the adverse consequences of divorce among both parents and children within his circle of acquaintance while practicing law in the Washington, D.C. area, he became concerned about the societal effects of the high national divorce levels and decided to pursue a doctorate in that field. He completed a Ph.D. in Family Studies in 2000 after an 8-year part-time course of study while simultaneously working full-time as an attorney. His doctoral dissertation focused on the human-relational effects of personal philosophies of happiness, and he has continued to write and publish on related themes, including the 3-volume set, *The Family in the New Millenium* (Praeger), on which he also served as lead editor. In 2008 he published online his paper, *The Forgotten Founding Document*, from which his paper today is adapted.

Scott was born in Ely, Nevada, in 1951 and raised primarily in Montpelier, Idaho. He attended BYU and then lived in Virginia and the Washington, D.C. area before returning to Utah in 1991. Scott and his wife of nearly 38 years, Cheri, are the grateful parents of 8 children, and 11 grandchildren.

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Richard S. Myers is Professor of Law at Ave Maria School of Law. He is a graduate of Kenyon College and Notre Dame Law School. He taught at Case Western Reserve University School of Law and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law before moving to Ann Arbor, Michigan to help start Ave Maria School of Law. He has also taught as a visitor at Notre Dame Law School.

His courses have included Constitutional Law and First Amendment, in addition to Civil Procedure and Conflict of Laws. He has published extensively on constitutional law in the law reviews of Catholic University, Case Western Reserve University, Notre Dame University, and Washington and Lee University.

Professor Myers is the co-editor of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Natural Law Tradition: Contemporary Perspectives (2004). He is also the co-editor of the Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy (original two volumes, 2007; 3rd volume 2012). He was the President of University Faculty for Life (2004-2011) and is now its Vice-President. He is the Executive Secretary of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists.

Professor Myers is married to Mollie Murphy, who is also on the Ave Maria faculty. They are the proud parents of six children--Michael (23), Patrick (21), Clare (19), Kathleen (17), Matthew (15), and Andrew (12).

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Clifford Rosky is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law. Before joining the faculty, he served as a research fellow for the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law & Public Policy at the UCLA School of Law. While at the Williams Institute, he co-authored over 30 demographic reports on lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations in the United States, and developed teaching materials on sexual orientation and law.

Professor Rosky received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities and the Ribicoff Postgraduate Research Fellow. He teaches courses on criminal law, civil rights, and sexuality, gender and law. His research has been published in the Yale Journal of Law & Feminism, the Arizona Law Review, and the Connecticut Law Review. He is a member of Equality Utah’s Board of Directors.

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Monte N. Stewart is a partner at Belnap Stewart Taylor & Morris in Boise, Idaho, where he serves as lead counsel in civil litigation and appellate matters, with emphasis on business and commercial disputes. Prior to this he served as the president of the Marriage Law Foundation in Provo, Utah and has conducted litigation on the constitutionality of man-woman marriage in the trial and appellate courts of nine states and in the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has also worked as counsel to Utah’s Governor; professor and director of the Rex E. Lee Advocacy Program at the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University; US Attorney in the District of Nevada; and has served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the US Supreme Court.

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Mark Strasser is the Trustees Professor of Law at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. His teaching and research interests focus on constitutional law and family law, broadly construed, and his two most recent monographs are Religion, Education and the State: An Unprincipled Doctrine in Search of Moorings (Ashgate Publishing, 2011) and Same-Sex Unions Across the United States (Carolina Academic Press, 2011).

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Kenji Yoshino is the Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Constitutional Law at NYU School of Law. He was educated at Harvard (B.A. 1991), Oxford (M.Sc. 1993 as a Rhodes Scholar), and Yale Law School (J.D. 1996). He taught at Yale Law School from 1998 to 2008, where he became the inaugural Guido Calabresi Professor in 2006. His fields are constitutional law, anti-

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**Dr. Augusto Zimmermann** is a Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean (Research) at Murdoch University School of Law, in Western Australia. He holds a Ph.D. from Monash University (Australia) as well as a LL.B. and a LL.M. cum laude from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). Dr. Zimmermann is also the Founder and President of the Western Australian Legal Theory Association, a Vice-President of the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy, as well as Editor of the Western Australian Jurist. He has been awarded the 2012 Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research, and he has also been awarded two consecutive Law Dean’s Research Awards, in 2010 and 2011. Dr Zimmermann has been recently appointed to the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia. His forthcoming ‘Western Legal Theory: History, Concepts and Perspectives’ will be published by LexisNexis Australia in January 2013.