AMERICAN CICERO:
THE LIFE OF CHARLES CARROLL

On June 8, Professor Bradley J. Birzer will speak on his new book “American Cicero: The Life of Charles Carroll.”

Charles Carroll, before his death in 1832, the last living signer of the Declaration of Independence, was widely regarded as one of the most important of the Founders. Amongst the most educated and wealthiest of the American Founders, the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence, Carroll saw the parameters of government being defined by Natural Rights and Natural Law. When asked what he thought Carroll’s most distinct contributions to America were, Professor Birzer stated “He, along with his cousin John Carroll, legitimized Roman Catholicism in the American Republic; he advocated a proper understanding of the American Revolution as deeply rooted in the western tradition; and he inspired the creation of the U.S. Senate through the creation of the Maryland Senate.”


Time: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2010, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following in the Main Reading Room of the Bar Library.

Invitees: Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar, Members of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, courthouse employees, government lawyers, public interest lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. Others may attend on payment of a $20 admission charge or upon application for Bar Library membership.

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