Markets, Firms and Property Rights A Celebration of the Research of Ronald Coase

Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, 2009 University of Chicago Law School Auditorium

This Conference brings together a group of scholars to honor the life and research of Ronald Coase. 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Coase's seminal paper on the Federal Communications Commission. 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of his paper on "The Problem of Social Cost," and his 100th birthday.

The presentations on this occasion cover specific topics on which Coase's work has exerted profound influence, including such areas as telecommunications policy, airline regulation and development, environmental economics, economic development, organization of the firm, and general discussions of the questions of transactions costs and social rationality to which he has contributed so much.

The conference web page is at http://iep.gmu.edu/CoaseConference.php.

The Conference is being organized by Richard A. Epstein of the University of Chicago, Thomas Hazlett of George Mason University, and Roger Noll and Greg Rosston of Stanford University. These papers shall be published in special issues of the *Journal of Law and Economics* and the *Journal of Legal Studies*. The Conference will be held at the University of Chicago Law School on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, 2009. The public is invited.

If you wish to attend this event, please register with Marjorie Holme at mholme@uchicago.edu or 773-702-0220. You <u>must</u> register to attend.

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