



FOUNDING DEAN

J. Michael Johnson, Esq., has been named the founding Dean of the Judge Paul Pressler School of Law of Louisiana College. Louisiana College was founded in 1906, and its law school in 2010. Classes are scheduled to begin in Shreveport, Louisiana, in August 2013.

Prior to accepting his current position, Mr. Johnson served as Senior Legal Counsel and a national media spokesman for the Alliance Defense Fund (“ADF”), the nation’s largest legal alliance of more than 1,800 attorneys and 300 organizations defending religious liberty. Mr. Johnson also served as ADF’s first Allied Attorney Coach, and was responsible for managing a broad portfolio of litigation and recruiting, training, and engaging the organization’s corps of volunteer attorneys.

Mr. Johnson has litigated and won high profile constitutional law cases in state and federal district and appellate courts nationwide, been a principal drafter of pro-family legislation for many states and municipalities, and taught constitutional law seminars and continuing legal education courses around the country. Prior to his career at ADF, he worked in the fields of insurance and medical malpractice defense litigation for law firms in north and south Louisiana.

Recognized as an outstanding communicator, Mr. Johnson has spoken before tens of thousands in various settings around the country. He has been interviewed and featured more than 1,000 times on radio and in national media outlets including: Fox News programs such as “The O’Reilly Factor” and “Hannity & Colmes,” CNN, ABC, CBS, MSNBC, National Public Radio, *TIME* magazine, *Citizen* magazine, *World* magazine, and most major newspapers across the country. He has also served in the past as a talk radio host and columnist.

Mr. Johnson is a trustee of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; a member of the Commission on Marriage and Family in the administration of Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal; a member of the Committee of One Hundred of northwest Louisiana; and serves on various other boards, ministries and charitable organizations. He has provided legal representation for many national organizations, including Focus on the Family, the Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, and the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

Mr. Johnson earned his B.S. in Business Administration from Louisiana State University, where he served as president of the Interfraternity Council and was selected to Leadership LSU and the Order of Omega Honor Society, and his Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, where he was selected as a member of the Moot Court Board and National Moot Court Team, and was elected class president and president of the Christian Legal Society. He has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, all state and federal courts in Louisiana, and admitted *pro hac vice* in many other state and federal courts from New York to California.

Mr. Johnson and his wife, Kelly, are the proud parents of four children, and have been recipients of many awards, including the 2001 “*Champions for the Faith*” award by the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Johnson has also earned the 2003 *Honor Guard* award by the Alliance Defense Fund; the 2005 “*Faith, Family & Freedom*” award by the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.; the 2005 “*Family Gladiator*” award by the Louisiana Family Forum; and the “*40 Under 40 Award*” by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.