

## KENNETH WINSTON STARR, J.D.

Ken Starr has had a distinguished career in academia, the law and public service. For six years, he served as the 14th president of Baylor University. He served as both President and Chancellor for three of those years. He currently is practicing law, writing articles of interest and serving as a guest commentator for various news programs.

Prior to his service at Baylor, he served for six years as the Duane and Kelly Roberts Dean and Professor of Law at Pepperdine University, where he taught current constitutional issues and civil procedure. He has also been of counsel to the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where he was a partner from 1993 to 2004, specializing in appellate work, antitrust, federal courts, federal jurisdiction and constitutional law. In addition, Ken is a former partner at the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP.

Ken has argued 36 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including 25 cases during his service as Solicitor General of the United States from 1989-93. He served as United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1983 to 1989, as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger from 1975 to 1977, and as law clerk to Fifth Circuit Judge David W. Dyer from 1973 to 1974. He was appointed to serve as Independent Counsel for five investigations, including Whitewater, from 1994 to 1999.

Judge Starr previously taught constitutional law as an adjunct professor at New York University School of Law and was a distinguished visiting professor at George Mason University School of Law and Chapman Law School. After graduating from San Antonio's Sam Houston High School, he earned his B.A. from George Washington University in 1968, his M.A. from Brown University in 1969 and his J.D. degree from Duke University Law School in 1973. He is admitted to practice in California, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the United States Supreme Court.

Ken is the author of more than 25 publications. His book, *First Among Equals: The Supreme Court in American Life*, published in 2002, was praised by U.S. Circuit Judge David B. Sentelle as "eminently readable and informative...not just the best treatment to-date of the Court after (Chief Justice Earl) Warren, it is likely to have that distinction for a long, long time." His recently published book, *Bear Country: The Baylor Story*, has been praised by Ben Carson as "a candid and humble look at modern day politics in academia."

Judge Starr has received numerous honors and awards, including the J. Reuben Clark Law Society 2005 Distinguished Service Award, the 2004 Capital Book Award, the Jefferson Cup award from the FBI, the Edmund Randolph Award for Outstanding Service in the Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service. He has received honorary doctoral degrees from Hampton Sydney College, Shenandoah University, and Pepperdine University and has served in leadership roles on many non-profit boards.

Currently, he serves on the Boards of Advocates International, the Supreme Court Historical Society, and the Christian Legal Society. He also serves on the Advisory Board of The House, DC, a faith-based after school program for inner city youth, and as past President of the Philosophical Society of Texas. He previously served on the boards of Baylor College of Medicine and the Baylor Scott & White Healthcare System.

Ken was born on July 21, 1946, in Vernon, Texas, and raised in San Antonio. He and his wife Alice have been married since 1970 and are blessed with three children and six grandchildren. Ken and Alice have supported numerous non-profits and ministries, including helping children with special needs and volunteering many hours in the inner city by teaching and assisting disadvantaged students with summer internships, after-school programs and guidance for financing a college education. At Pepperdine, Ken helped to initiate a global justice program in Uganda and Rwanda. While at Baylor, Ken participated in the Georgetown-Baylor Partnership for the Religious Freedom Project. He also greatly expanded the summer missions programs in Africa and around the world and traveled to Hong Kong and Beijing to develop strategic educational partnerships. Throughout his professional career, he has championed the cause of religious liberty and freedom of conscience for all persons.