



Bio  
John Stemberger  
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John Stemberger is an AV Rated Orlando attorney who has been a marriage and family advocate for over 25 years. As a native Floridian, he attended Florida State University where he studied political science and philosophy before obtaining a Juris Doctorate of Law at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. In 1987 he founded the Institute for Conservative Studies (ICS), a permanent student led think-tank at Florida State University.

After internships in both the Florida House and Senate, Stemberger worked with attorney Ken Connor in Tallahassee for several years and then served as the lobbyist for Florida Right to Life with Connor in 1989. Stemberger has a unique understanding of law, government, and the media from his extensive political background having served as a consultant to state, federal, and presidential campaigns. In 1992, he was appointed as the Political Director of the Republican Party of Florida during the final campaign of former President George H. Bush. Stemberger's legal, political and family advocacy has appeared on ABC News Nightline, Fox News, C-SPAN, MSNBC, and Court TV, and he has been quoted in the New York Times, The Economist and on National Public Radio. In 2001 and again in 2005, Governor Jeb Bush appointed Stemberger to the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, the body which screens new judge candidates in Central Florida. John Stemberger has been a member of the Council for National Policy and the Arlington Group in Washington, DC. In a feature article on his work, the Miami Herald called him, "One of the most interesting and influential people you've *never* heard of." In 2009, Orlando Magazine named him one of the top 50 most powerful people in Central Florida.

In 2004, Stemberger became the President of the Florida Family Policy Council. Since that time he has served as the State Chairman of the successful campaign to amend Florida's constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. He has also launched the Strong Marriages Florida campaign, a five year statewide effort to reduce the divorce rate and strengthen marriages in Florida.

Most importantly, he has been married to his wife Olivia for fifteen years and has four young children Joseph, Benjamin, Hannah and Rachel.

