

Bio

John Stemberger

President and General Counsel, Florida Family Policy Council

John Stemberger is an AV Rated Orlando attorney who has worked in the pro-life, pro family movement for over 20 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 and political work 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 Chicago Tribune 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 is 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."

Since becoming the President of the Florida Family Policy Council, Stemberger has served as the State Chairman of the Florida4Marriage.org campaign to amend the state constitution to define marriage between one man and one woman. He has also launched the "Florida Judicial Accountability Project" by filing a federal lawsuit against the Florida Bar and Judicial Qualifications Commission to strike down Florida's gag order which prohibits judges candidates from addressing issues during their campaigns.

Most importantly, he has been married to his wife Olivia for twelve years and has two sons, Joseph and Benjamin.

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate of Law, Cumberland School of Law,
Samford University; Birmingham, Alabama

Honors and Activities

First Place, National Moot Court Competition of
Duke University; The Rabbi Seymour Seigel Memorial
Competition on Legal Ethics
Finalist, Robert Donworth Appellate Argument Competition
Finalist, Gordon Saad Moot Court Competition
Order of the Barrister
Who's Who Among American Law Students
Member, Mock Trial Advocacy Board
Member, Henry Upson Sims Moot Court Board
President, Christian Legal Society
Chairman, Cordell Hull Speakers Forum, Student Bar Association

Bachelor of Science, Political Science/Philosophy,
Florida State University; Tallahassee, Florida

Honors and Activities

First Speaker Award, Southeastern CEDA Debate Circuit, FSU
Forensics Team
Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges
Gold Key Leadership Scholarship award
President, FSU College Republicans
Founder and President, FSU Institute for Conservative Studies
State Supervisor of Elections Scholarship

Associate of Arts, Public Administration,
Daytona Beach Community College

Honors and Activities

State President, Florida Junior Colleges Student Government
Association (FJCSGA)
Student Body President, Daytona Beach Community College
Congressman Claude Pepper State Leadership Award
University of Florida Blue Key Leadership Award
Who's Who in American Junior Colleges
Outstanding Young Men of America; U.S. Jaycees

Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity
Rotary Club International, Area Scholarship
EDUCATION Cont'd.

Architectural Drafting Certification

Daytona Beach Community College, 1982

United States Air Force, JROTC

Completed three year program, Florida 42nd Squadron
Daytona Beach, 1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney, Law Offices of John Stemberger, P.A., Orlando, Florida, 1997-Present

Attorney, Billings, Cunningham, Morgan & Boatwright, Orlando, Florida, 1994-1997

Commercial Litigation Attorney, Pennington & Haben, P.A., Tallahassee, Florida, 1993-1994

Political Director, Republican Party of Florida, 1992-1993

Executive Political Assistant, Kenneth L. Connor, Principal, Connor & Associates, P.A. 1990-1992

Judicial Externship, Judge James Hard, Jefferson County Criminal Court, Alabama, 1990

Law Clerk, Kenneth L. Connor and Associates, P.A., Tallahassee, Florida, Summer of 1989-1991

Lobbyist, Florida Right to Life, 1988

Legislative Internship, Representative David Troxler, Florida House of Representatives, 1987

Legislative Internship, Senate Republican Office, Senator Richard Langley, Minority Leader, 1986

State President, Florida Junior Colleges Student Government Association. 1994-1995

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

"AV" Rated by Martindale Hubble

Member, Million Dollar Advocates Forum

Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission, Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2003-04

Barrister Member, First Central Florida Inns of Court, Orlando Chapter

Admitted, United States Supreme Court

Admitted, United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal

Admitted, United States Federal Court- Middle District of Florida

Admitted, Florida Bar

Member, Trial Lawyers Section, Florida Bar

Member, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers

Member, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Member, Christian Legal Society

Member, Federalists Society

Member, Orange County Bar Association

Member, Volusia County Bar Association

REPORTED CASES

Marsh v. Valyou, et al., 917 So. 2d 313 (Fla. 5th DCA 2005)

Konikov v. Orange County, No. 04-10481, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 10176, June 3, 2005.

Jacobs et al., v. The Seminole County Canvassing Board, et al., 773 So. 2d 517 (Fla. 2000)

Taylor v. Martin County Canvassing Board, 773 So. 2d 517 (Fla. 2000)

Yeung v. Saylor, ___ So.2d ___ (Fla. App. 2 Dist. 1998)

Ferrari N.. AM. v. Coral Gables, 661 So.2d 1278 (Fla. App. 1 Dist. 1995)

CIVIC / COMMUNITY

President and General Counsel, Florida Family Policy Council, Inc

Orange County Bar, Legal Aid Guardian Ad Litem, 1985 to Present

Chairman, WIN Family Services, Baltimore, MD, 2000 to Present

Member, Metro Life Church, Casselberry FL., 1995 to Present

Precinct Committeeman, Leon County Republican Executive Committee, 1991-1993

House of Hope, Advisory Board, Orlando, FL

Boy Scouts of America, Halifax District, Central Florida Council

Eagle Scout Advancement Review Board, 1995

Eagle Scout Award, 1980

Vigil Honor Member, Order of the Arrow, 1981

Assistant Scoutmaster, 1981-1984

United Way Representative, BSA, 1984

Member, Seven Step Society-Sibling Support Group- Straight, Inc. Drug Rehabilitation Program, St. Petersburg 1984-85

Member, Chemical People, Daytona Beach Community Drug Abuse Task Force, 1983

American Red Cross, Campus Blood Drive Coordinator, 1982-84

Easter Seals Society, Gala Auction Staff, 1983-85

Halifax Urban Ministries, Food Collection, 1983-85

PERSONAL

Birth: September 12, 1962, Daytona Beach, FL

Married: October 15, 1994 to Evelyne "Olivia" Weadon of Dothan, Alabama

Children: Joseph, born February 3, 2001; Benjamin born October 17, 2004