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Dr. John C. Eastman is Founding Director of the Claremont Institute's Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence and currently serves as the Henry Salvatori Professor of Law & Community Service at Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Claremont Institute.

Dr. Eastman received his B.A. from the University of Dallas and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from Claremont Graduate School. He completed his studies at the University of Chicago Law School. After earning his J.D., he clerked for Judge Michael Luttig in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and then for the Honorable Justice Clarence Thomas in the Supreme Court of the United States.

After concluding his clerkships, Dr. Eastman took a position with Kirkland & Ellis, where he remained until he took up his current post, teaching at Chapman University. He served as dean from 2007 to 2010.

Dr. Eastman founded the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence in 1999. He also serves as the chairman of the National Organization for Marriage and is on the Advisory Board for the St. Thomas More Society of Orange County. He has been recognized by Chapman University as Professor of the Year and for Faculty Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activity. Additionally, he received the J. Reuben Clark Award from the J. Reuben Clark Society of Orange County.

A selection of Dr. Eastman's scholarly publications includes "Papers Please: Does the Constitution Permit the States a Role in Immigration Enforcement?" in the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, "Reflections on Justice Thomas's Twenty Years on the Bench" in the *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*, and "Cheating Marriage: A Tragedy in Three Acts" in the *Ave Maria Law Journal*.

Various committees of Congress have invited Dr. Eastman to provide expert testimony on various topics, including President Obama's executive action on Immigration and the IRS's felonious disclosure of tax returns.

Dr. Eastman has represented 17 parties before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has also represented over 75 *amici* before the Supreme Court in cases such as *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Burwell, Harris v. Quinn, National Labor Relations Board v. Noel Canning, National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius, Gonzales v. Carhart, and Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*.

Dr. Eastman has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox News, CNN, BBC World News, and PBS. His writings and commentary have appeared in the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, National Review, the Economist, the Atlantic, and the ABA Journal*.

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