2015 BRADLEY PRIZES

NOMINATION FORM

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NOMINEE’S AREA OF EXPERTISE

* Academia
* Civic Renewal and Responsibility
* Conservative Thought
* Family Values
* Law
* Religion & Society

NOMINATION STATEMENT

Kenneth Winston Starr helped make the Pope smile this past year when he represented Baylor University at the Vatican alongside his Religious Liberty Project partners from Georgetown University. “It’s a Baptist-Catholic alliance for religious liberty,” they told the Pope who grinned broadly.

This story was told at another unusual gathering co-hosted by Baylor and Georgetown featuring Starr and longtime Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz. Starr and Dershowitz disagree about much in jurisprudence yet they share a common belief in the essential role of religious freedom in a healthy democracy.

For his artful advocacy of the Green family in their Hobby Lobby case before the Supreme Court to his full-throated defense of religious freedom in higher education and across society, I nominate Judge Ken Starr to receive the 2015 Bradley Prize.

As a lawyer, public official, author, and now university president, Starr has sought to defend and renew American first principles such as liberty, personal responsibility, religious freedom and free markets. His most recent platforms for this work included service as Baylor University Chancellor and Dean of Pepperdine’s Law School.

As Solicitor General of the United States from 1989-1993, Starr argued 25 cases before the Supreme Court. Starr was appointed to serve as Independent Counsel for five investigations, including Whitewater, from 1994-1999. He also represented Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson in school choice litigation and helped lead the national legal effort to fight Sarbanes-Oxley during this era.

He is the author of more than two dozen publications including *First Among Equals: the Supreme Court in American Life*.

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