Bradley Letter

**Nominee Information:**

We nominate Eugene Volokh, the Gary T. Schwartz Professor of Law at the UCLA Law School, for a 2015 Bradley Prize. He is a brilliant scholar, an enormously productive writer, and an innovator in the use of new communication technologies.

We have rarely seen a more impressive c.v. Eugene was born in the Soviet Union to Jewish dissidents who kept their two brilliant boys out of the Communist schools to protect them from being forced to work for the Soviet cause. They were able to escape to the United States in 1975. A child prodigy, Eugene graduated from UCLA at the age of fifteen. After a few years working in the computer industry, he attended UCLA Law School and graduated first in his class. Following a clerkship with Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, he began a teaching career at his alma mater in 1994.

Although the legal academy was increasingly dominated by voices from the left, Eugene’s formidable corpus of published legal scholarship countered liberal orthodoxy and advanced the cause of liberty. So too did his frequent op-eds in newspapers and magazines, his testimony before various Congressional committees, and his work in support of California’s Proposition 209 and Washington’s I-200. Equally important was his leadership in creating vehicles for discussion and debate that gave conservative and libertarian scholars greater opportunities to be heard. Eugene was the principal force behind *Center-Right*, a weekly online newsletter on public policy issues, which in 2002 evolved into the widely admired, indispensible blog, *The Volokh Conspiracy*. The *Washington Post* now hosts it.

He seems a perfect choice to us.

**References**:

Judge Alex Kozinski,

Gene Meyer, president, Federalist Society

Dean Dan Polsby at George Mason Law School.

We have sent Eugene’s c.v. in a separate email.