



### **Austin R. Nimocks**

Austin Nimocks serves as senior legal counsel with the Alliance Defense Fund at its Team Resource Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he litigates as a member of the Marriage Litigation Center.

Since joining ADF in 2007, Nimocks has focused his professional efforts on cases involving same-sex “marriage” and “divorce,” parental rights, voter’s rights, and other matters relating to religious freedom. His extensive trial and appellate court record includes involvement in several religious liberty and family values cases across the nation. Nimocks has also authored several pieces of pro-family legislation and policy memoranda, and testified before various legislative bodies in different states. He regularly works with lawmakers and other leaders across the country on initiatives and policies designed to strengthen the family. As an official spokesperson for Proposition 102—Arizona’s marriage amendment in the November 2008 election—Nimocks participated in live televised debates on the issue.

Nimocks earned his J.D. in 1997 from the Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas, where he was a member of the Order of Barristers. He clerked for both the Mississippi Supreme Court and Mississippi Court of Appeals before spending nearly 10 years in private practice—three of them as a public defender, and most recently at Austin R. Nimocks & Associates, P.L.L.C., in Biloxi, Mississippi. Nimocks graduated from the Baylor University Hankamer School of Business in 1994 with a B.B.A. in Information Systems Management and a minor in Environmental Sciences.

Practicing law since 1997, Nimocks has passed the bar exams in Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas, and he is also admitted to various federal courts across the country. He and his wife have been happily married for 10 years and have three daughters. They currently reside in the Phoenix, Arizona area, where they attend Immanuel Bible Church.

Nimocks’ numerous media appearances for ADF include television interviews and features on *The O’Reilly Factor*, The Inspiration Network, and iLifetv, as well as various ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox affiliates. He has also conducted hundreds of radio, newspaper, magazine, and online media interviews with various media outlets, including *The Hugh Hewitt Show*, *The Michael Reagan Show*, *The Lars Larson Show*, *The J.D. Hayworth Show*, *The Frank Pastore Show*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Time* magazine, and many others. Nimocks’ opinion editorials have appeared online on Townhall.com and other Internet news sites.

Nimocks is a member of several Christian and legal organizations. He is also an instrument-rated pilot, working on his commercial pilot’s license, and currently serves as a 1st Lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. Born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, he is a devout fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars, and Texas Rangers, and enjoys snow skiing, scuba diving, water skiing, golf, tennis, and fantasy football.