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Photo caption: Staver is pictured in the law school's Supreme Courtroom, a replica of the United States Supreme Court. Staver went to Washington, D.C., to inspect the High Court's chambers and obtained the blueprints to use in designing Liberty's own Supreme Courtroom. The room is used as a training theater, for moot competitions and for practicing future cases of Liberty Counsel that reach the High Court. It is also used to host real court sessions by state and federal courts of appeal.

"We want to be able to train a generation who understands the rule of law from a Christian perspective, so when they go out they can use law to do what God designed it to do: to bring order where there's chaos, to protect their families, to protect life, to give religious liberties."

— Mathew D. Staver, Dean, Liberty University School of Law/Director, Liberty Center for Law and Policy/Professor of Law (Foundations of Law I and II)

Education:

LL.D., Liberty University, honoris causa
J.D., University of Kentucky
M.A., first in class, Religion, Andrews University
B.A., cum laude, Theology, Southern Missionary College

Career accomplishments:

Founder and president of Staver & Associates, a statewide law firm in Florida, and founder and president of The Staver Group, a statewide governmental consulting organization. His clients have included: the Orlando Magic NBA basketball team, the University of Florida, Marriott Corporation, Hilton Hotels, Hyatt Hotels, Taco Bell, Denny's Restaurants, AIG Insurance, The Florida Medical Association, The Florida Nursing Association, and Florida Hospital.

Founder, president and general counsel of Liberty Counsel, Chairman of the Board (a litigation, education and policy organization with offices in Orlando, Fla., Lynchburg, Va., and hundreds of affiliate attorneys in all 50 states; one of the first religious liberty litigation organizations in the country).

Author, "Eternal Vigilance: Knowing and Protecting Your Religious Freedom;" "Same-Sex Marriage: Putting Every Household at Risk;" "Faith and Freedom: A Complete Handbook for Defending Your Religious Rights;" "Take Back America; Religion and the Future of America;" "Religious Expression in Public Schools; Judicial Tyranny;" "Political Activity of Nonprofit Organizations;" and "Union Membership and its Constitutional Implications." Also has more than 120 published legal opinions, has written several hundred articles on religious freedom and constitutional law, and has published six law review and journal articles.

AV-rated attorney, Board Certified in Appellate Practice. Has written numerous briefs before the United States Supreme Court and argued twice there. As one of the leading constitutional litigators in the country, he is admitted to every federal court of appeals in the country and has personally argued before most of them. He has conducted many CLE and CEU courses certified by state bar associations or government agencies.

Personal interests:

Reads Classical Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac and Koine Greek

Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Historical Society

Married to Anita L. Staver, who is also an attorney and serves as President of Liberty Counsel

Media highlights:

Has done thousands of interviews for top news organizations, appearing on every TV and cable news network.