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DEAR MRS. SEHLER:

ENCLOSED IS THE NOMINATION OF ALAN
SEARS FOR THE 2015 BRADLEY PRIZE. I
APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY IN FORWARDING
THIS, BUT I WAS IN ENGLAND AND JUST
RETURNED THIS PAST WEEKEND.

THANK YOU,

Edwin Meese III



2015 BRADLEY PRIZES

NOMINATION FORM

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REFERENCES: Each nomination must be accompanied by two references able to speak on behalf of the nominee's credentials and background, if necessary. Please provide contact information here.

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NOMINATION OF ALAN SEARS

Alan Sears is nominated for the 2015 Bradley Prize on the basis of his ideas and leadership that have provided great contributions to religious liberty and the rule of law in the United States. Alan was the key figure in bringing together several major donors in 1994 to launch the Alliance Defense Fund (subsequently re-named the Alliance Defending Freedom) to defend religious freedom through a unique and multi-faceted organization that combines litigation, advocacy training, legal education, grant programs, and strategic coordination.

Under Alan's vision and leadership ADF has grown to be the premier entity in the nation to protect the Constitutional rights to freedom of speech and of conscience. His innovative approach has built a unique combination of high-quality, successful lawyering, extensive volunteer efforts by attorneys throughout the Country, first-class research and publications, and persuasive public education programs. Few lawyers have had as great an influence as Alan has had on the development of constitutional jurisprudence in the realm of religious freedom. His personal example of integrity, dedication, and excellence has exemplified the highest standard of dedicated professionalism and service to the Nation.

Because of his legal skill and leadership ability Alan could have become an affluent attorney or high public official. Indeed, he was a very successful lawyer and rising executive in the Department of Justice, and other agencies of the Federal government, before launching ADF. But he has chosen to devote his extraordinary capabilities and admirable qualities to the cause of

justice and the service of his fellow citizens. He has produced important ideas to guide our Country and has accomplished much to implement them.



Alan Sears

President, CEO, and General Counsel
Alliance Defending Freedom

Alan Sears serves as president, CEO, and general counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom, an alliance-building legal ministry that advocates for religious freedom to uphold justice and preserve the right of people to freely live out their faith. He leads the strategy, training, funding, and litigation efforts of Alliance Defending Freedom that have resulted in various roles in 40 victories at the U.S. Supreme Court and wins in more than three out of four cases litigated to conclusion. Under his leadership, Alliance Defending Freedom has funded more than 2,600 grants and legal projects for allied lawyers and organizations, and Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys have successfully defended marriage as the union between one man and one woman in over 40 cases nationwide.

Since the launch of Alliance Defending Freedom in 1994, Sears has provided strategic leadership in the training of over 1,700 lawyers through the one-of-a-kind Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Academy, which is designed to equip attorneys to more effectively defend religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and marriage and the family. These attorneys have reported more than \$165 million in pro-bono/dedicated time. Sears' visionary efforts have also resulted in the graduation of more than 1,350 outstanding law students— representing more than 140 law schools—from the unique Blackstone Legal Fellowship program. This in-depth summer internship program helps equip these students to assume leadership positions to shape the future of American law. Today, Alliance Defending Freedom has more than 2,300 allied attorneys.

Sears earned his Juris Doctor from Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. While serving in numerous positions within the government, he worked for the Department of Justice under Attorneys General William French Smith and Edwin Meese III, including service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Section. Sears was also appointed as the director of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography and served as associate solicitor with the Department of the Interior under Secretary Donald Hodel. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Sears has continued his education with professional instruction at Stanford University, Harvard Law School, Harvard Business School, and Pepperdine University.

Practicing law for three decades, Sears is a member in good standing with the American, Arizona, California, District of Columbia (inactive), and Kentucky bar associations. He has helped fashion the language for numerous state and federal laws and has testified before committees of the U.S. House and Senate, state legislatures, and many local governments and commissions. Legislators in 20 states have adopted his legislative recommendations. Sears has assisted legislators and law enforcement officials from many countries and has spoken before committees of the British Parliament.

Sears' numerous media appearances include television interviews and features on *The Today Show*, *Nightline*, CNN, Fox News, C-SPAN, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Oprah*, and *The Lou Dobbs Show*. He has also been a radio guest on various programs, including *The Laura Ingraham Show*, National Public Radio, *The Hugh Hewitt Show* and *The Dennis Prager Radio Show*. Sears has been extensively covered in national print media, including the *Washington Post*, the *Associated Press*, the *Washington Times*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, the *Arizona Republic*, and the *National Catholic Register*. He is a regular opinion contributor to Townhall.com and has co-authored several books, including *The Homosexual Agenda: Exposing the Principal Threat to Religious Freedom Today* (2003) and *The ACLU vs. America* (2005), both with Craig Osten. His most recent books are *In Justice* (2009) and *Trial and Error* (2011).