

## Dr. Richard D. Land, Commissioner

Richard Land has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission since 1988. During his tenure as representative for the largest Protestant denomination in the country, Dr. Land has represented Southern Baptist and other Evangelicals' interests in the halls of Congress, before U.S. Presidents, and in the major media.

As host of For Faith & Family, For Faith & Family's Insight and Richard Land Live!, three nationally syndicated radio programs, Dr. Land has spoken widely on the social, ethical, and public policy issues facing the United States. He is also Executive Editor of FFV, a national magazine dedicated to coverage of traditional religious values, Christian ethics, and cultural trends.

Dr. Land was featured in Time magazine in 2005 as one of "The Twenty-five Most Influential Evangelicals in America." The previous year, he was recognized by the National Journal as one of the 10 top church-state experts "politicians will call on when they get serious about addressing an important public policy issue."

Dr. Land's latest book is *The Divided States of America? What Liberals and Conservatives Are Missing in the God-and-Country Shouting Match* (2007). Dr. Land has also recently authored *Imagine! A God-Blessed America* (2005) and *Real Homeland Security: The America God Will Bless* (2004). He earned his A.B. magna cum laude at Princeton University and his D.Phil. at Oxford University.

Then-Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist reappointed Dr. Land to the Commission in 2005. President Bush selected him for his two previous terms at the Commission (September 2001 to September 2004). Dr. Land served as Vice Chair of the Commission from 2007-2008.