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John Hart Named "Kentucky Colonel"

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University's general counsel, John E. Hart, Esq., has been

awarded the "Kentucky Colonel" recognition for his work to preserve religious liberty amongst

legal issues in the context of Christian higher education.

Being named a Kentucky Colonel is the highest award given by the Commonwealth of

Kentucky. Recipients are commissioned for their contributions to their community. The governor

recognizes Kentucky Colonels by their service and accomplishments on the behalf of others.

James Newbury, partner at Steptoe & Johnson law firm in Lexington, Kentucky, awarded Hart

with this title at the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) conference for

counsel of CCCU schools on October 5. This conference is held to provide attorneys with

opportunities to share knowledge and experiences in addressing about the legal challenges they

face at their institutions.

Hart addressed issues related to Title IX at the conference, providing lessons learned from

experiences at both Cedarville University and the University of Dayton. He gave a reminder to

pray in challenging situations so that even in those circumstances, the Gospel is advanced and

God is glorified.

In 2012, Hart returned to Cedarville, his alma mater, after over 25 years as general counsel at the

University of Dayton. He oversees legal compliance, provides counsel and facilitates best

practices for the long-term success of Cedarville University.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,620 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings.