



## Bradley A. Smith, Chairman and Founder

Brad is one of the nation's foremost experts on campaign finance law. He served as a Commissioner on the Federal Election Commission, resigning as of Aug. 21, 2005. Smith was elected as Vice Chairman of the Commission in 2003 and Chairman of the Commission in 2004.

A recent New York Times story referred to Smith as the "intellectual powerhouse" of the movement to roll back campaign finance restrictions. His 2001 book, *Unfree Speech: The Folly of Campaign Finance Reform*, was lauded by George Will as the year's "most important book on governance." Once called "the most sought after witness in Congress" on campaign finance issues, Smith has authored over 40 articles on campaign finance reform, appearing in academic publications such as the *Yale Law Journal* and *Georgetown Law Journal*, and popular publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *National Review*. He has appeared on *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *Bill Moyers Journal*, the *Lehrer News Hour*, *Fox News Special Report*, *ABC News*, *Washington Journal*, and numerous other national and local television and radio programs.

As an FEC Commissioner, Smith won plaudits for his integrity and refusal to put partisan interests ahead of his duties, as well as his steadfast support for free speech. For his honesty and integrity, the *Wall Street Journal* dubbed him, "the only honorable man in this bordello." Smith now serves as the Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault Designated Professor of Law at Capital University Law School. He has won numerous awards for his scholarship and teaching, and is a past member of the Advisory Committee to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Election Law. He currently serves on the Editorial Board of the *Election Law Journal*, and the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Smith also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Studies, is a senior fellow at the Goldwater Institute and is a member of the Board of Scholars of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Smith is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and Kalamazoo College and holds an honorary doctorate from Augustana College.