

## John Whitehead

John W. Whitehead is an attorney and author who has written, debated and practiced widely in the area of constitutional law and human rights. Whitehead's concern for the persecuted and oppressed led him, in 1982, to establish The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties and human rights organization whose international headquarters are located in Charlottesville, Virginia. Whitehead serves as the Institute's president and spokesperson, in addition to writing a weekly commentary that is posted on The Rutherford Institute's website ([www.rutherford.org](http://www.rutherford.org)), as well being distributed to several hundred newspapers, and hosting a national public service radio campaign. Whitehead's aggressive, pioneering approach to civil liberties issues has earned him numerous accolades, including the Hungarian Medal of Freedom.

Whitehead has been the subject of numerous newspaper, magazine and television profiles, ranging from *Gentleman's Quarterly* to CBS' *60 Minutes*. Articles by Whitehead have been printed in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post* and *USA Today*, among others.

Whitehead gained international renown as a result of his role as co-counsel in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton. Whitehead continues to speak out in defense of a woman's right to be free from sexual harassment and frequently comments on a variety of legal issues in the national media. He has been interviewed by the following national and international media (partial list): *Crossfire*, *O'Reilly Factor*, *CNN Headline News*, *Larry King Live*, *Nightline*, *Dateline*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Evening News*, *CBS This Morning*, *This Week with Sam and Cokie*, *Rivera Live*, *Burden of Proof*, *Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer*, *FOX News Sunday*, *Hardball*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *National Public Radio*, *BBC Newsnight*, *BBC Radio*, British Sky "Tonight" and "Sunday," TF1 (French TV) and Greek national television.

The author of numerous books on a variety of legal and social issues, as well as pamphlets and brochures providing legal information to the general public, Whitehead has also written numerous magazine and journal articles. In addition, he wrote and directed the documentary video series *Grasping for the Wind*, as well as its companion book, which focus on key cultural events of the 20th Century. The series received two Silver World Medals at the New York Film and Video Festival and is now available on DVD.

Whitehead has filed numerous amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also been co-counsel in several landmark Supreme Court cases as well. His law reviews have been published in *Emory Law Journal*, *Pepperdine Law Review*, *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, *Washington and Lee Law Review*, *Cumberland Law Review*, *Tulsa Law Journal* and the *Temple University Civil Rights Law Review*.

Born in 1946 in Tennessee, John W. Whitehead earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas in 1969 and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1974. He served as an officer in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971.

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