



**Joseph Infranco, Esq.**, has more than 34 years of legal experience advancing religious freedom. He has counseled numerous churches, ministries and non-profits in New York, including Teen Challenge, Youth for Christ, Youth With a Mission, and the New York American Family Association. He has successfully litigated numerous cases on religious liberty issues and testified on these topics before Congress, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and state legislatures.

Infranco serves as senior counsel and vice president of Alliance Coordination with Alliance Defending Freedom at its headquarters in Scottsdale, Ariz. He works with over 2,300 attorneys across the nation, including more than 1,600 attorneys trained through the Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Academy. He also oversees the development of strategic projects.

Since joining Alliance Defending Freedom in 2003, Infranco has worked with hundreds of allies and allied organizations across the nation to defend religious freedom. He has also fought to preserve the equal access freedoms of churches in prominent cases like *Bronx Household of Faith v. Board of Education of the City of New York*. From 2004-2008, he was a board member of the executive committee that coordinated the successful California Marriage Amendment effort, most commonly known as Proposition 8.

Infranco believes religious liberty is the cornerstone of all freedoms. The growing hostility and marginalization of churches by the government was the catalyst that prompted him to devote his talents full-time with Alliance Defending Freedom. He was determined to alter the misperception of churches as burdens to society and affirm their place as blessings.

Before working at Alliance Defending Freedom, Infranco successfully litigated cases for more than 25 years, first at Belli, Sarisohn, Creditor, Carner and Steindler and then his own New York law firm called Migliore & Infranco. An AV-rated attorney, he participated as counsel on many important First Amendment cases such as *Lambs Chapel v. Center Moriches School District*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that churches have the right to rent public schools for events. In *Word of Life Ministries v. Village of Freeport* he helped churches retain their tax-exempt status for church-owned properties. He was also pivotal in obtaining equal access wins for churches in cases like *Hsu v. Roslyn School District* and *Amandola v. Town of Babylon*.

Infranco earned his J.D. in 1978 from the University of New Hampshire Law School and clerked for New Hampshire Supreme Court Justice Maurice Bois. He received a B.S. degree from Manhattan College in 1974.

Infranco is admitted to the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, New York State, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 2nd and 9th Circuits, the U.S. Tax Court, and the Federal District Court for the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts of New York. He resides with his wife and three grown children in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he also serves as an elder in his church.