



## Kelvin J. Cochran

### SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FAITH INITIATIVES

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Kelvin J. Cochran serves as senior vice president of human resources and faith initiatives for Alliance Defending Freedom. In this role, he is responsible for overseeing human resource administration, leadership development; leading programs that will assist, encourage, and support Christians who are victims of cancel culture attacks; overseeing ADF's Prayer Initiative Team; and speaking at ADF events to engage and promote ADF's mission to defend religious liberty. Cochran also supports ADF's Church and Ministry Alliance by working to increase its partners.

Cochran dedicated over 30 years of his life to fighting fires and protecting the communities in which he's lived and worked. After being born into extreme poverty in Shreveport, Louisiana, he worked his way up the ranks and became Shreveport's fire chief in 1999 where he served until he was appointed fire chief for the city of Atlanta, Georgia in 2008. His exemplary service record drew the attention of President Obama who appointed Cochran as the administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration in 2009, the highest office in the profession. He then resumed his post as Atlanta Fire Chief in 2010. After the city of Atlanta terminated Cochran's employment because of his Christian faith and beliefs, ADF represented him in a federal lawsuit. A federal court ruled the city of Atlanta discriminated against Cochran's religious views and violated his First Amendment rights, and the city of Atlanta agreed to a favorable settlement.

Prior to his role at ADF, Cochran served as chief operating officer of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Atlanta. He received his doctorate of education in interdisciplinary leadership from Creighton University and is the author of two books, a sought-after public speaker, and is an advocate for religious liberty and unity of the body of Christ.

