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## **Attorney General Griffin Appoints Attorney Brett Watson to Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission**

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**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement announcing the appointment of appellate attorney Brett Watson of Searcy to the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission:

“Brett Watson has a stellar reputation as an appellate attorney, having handled close to 400 appeals in state and federal courts. Brett is someone whose wise counsel I have respected and trusted for a long time. He will serve Arkansas’s legal community well as a member of the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission.”

Watson added the following statement:

“Thank you to Attorney General Griffin for the appointment to serve on the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission. I am honored to serve in this role for my state and its legal community, both of which have given me more than I can measure.”

Watson’s appointment will be effective July 1. He will replace Keith Pike, who served honorably on the commission for six years.

Watson earned his law degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law in 2002. He clerked for the Honorable Susan Webber Wright on the United States District

Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas and later practiced as a trial and appellate attorney with firms in Little Rock. For the past 15 years, he has owned his own firm in Searcy.

### **About Attorney General Tim Griffin**

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas's Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin is currently an officer in the Arkansas Army National Guard and holds the rank of colonel. Griffin served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 28 years. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana; the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master's degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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