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Attorney General Griffin Sues Two Arkansas Companies for Violating the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Griffin: '[W]hen businesses aren't willing to do right by consumers, I can and will hold them accountable'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after his office filed lawsuits against two Arkansas companies for violations of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act:

“Earlier this week my office filed separate lawsuits against Boltz Steel Furniture and Community Builders. Both lawsuits are about the companies’ failure to deliver what consumers ordered.

“Boltz Steel Furniture and its owner, Susan Farrell, are named in the first lawsuit. Boltz, located in Greenbrier, advertises itself as a maker of steel furniture that can be delivered quickly, usually in less than two weeks. Consumers from across the United States purchased furniture from Boltz but never received it. To date, my office has received 33 complaints against Boltz totaling more than \$27,000 in illegally obtained money.

“The second lawsuit is against the now-closed business Community Builders and its owners, Greg Wolter and Nathan Wolter. Community Builders, which was based in West Memphis and advertised mainly to elderly consumers, claimed to provide bathroom remodels that could be completed in three months’ time. My office received eight complaints, one for harassment and seven for failure to complete work or issue a refund of a downpayment. Through this scheme, Community Builders stole nearly \$17,000 from elderly Arkansans.

“Both lawsuits seek restitution, civil penalties, and injunctive relief.

“My office routinely assists Arkansans in mediating disputes with businesses, but when businesses aren’t willing to do right by consumers, I can and will hold them accountable.”

To read a copy of the lawsuit against Boltz Steel Furniture, [click here](#).

To read a copy of the lawsuit against Community Builders, [click here](#).

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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