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Attorney General Griffin Announces Kevin B. Lee as New Deputy General Counsel

Griffin: '[W]e continue to attract world-class talent to serve the State of Arkansas'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement announcing a new hire in his office:

"I am thrilled to welcome Kevin B. Lee as our new Deputy General Counsel. He comes to us after having served as a Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army in Germany since 2019, and his education and diverse prior experience show that we continue to attract world-class talent to serve the State of Arkansas.

"Creating the Office of General Counsel was one of the first structural changes I made as Attorney General, and it has had exactly the beneficial effect I anticipated. As Deputy General Counsel, Kevin will work closely with General Counsel Zach Mayo in providing high-quality legal advice about both the internal operations and the external priorities I have set for this office. They have been invaluable to our team as we provide representation to the State and navigate a wide range of complicated legal issues on behalf of Arkansans."

Prior to his military service, Lee served as in-house legal counsel for the New York Stock Exchange and as an associate at Milbank LLP in New York. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School (J.D.) and Amherst College (B.A.), Lee brings a wealth of legal expertise in both public service and private practice.

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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