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Attorney General Griffin Creates New Role of Senior Advisor of AI for Deputy General Counsel Kevin B. Lee

Griffin: 'As AI use accelerates, Arkansas must lead with strong guardrails, smart enforcement, and responsible innovation.'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after announcing that Deputy General Counsel Kevin B. Lee will take on an additional role as Senior Advisor for AI, advising the Office of the Attorney General on the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence and its impact on the practice of law, public safety, and consumer protection:

“AI is already changing how criminals target victims and how governments serve the public. Kevin has the deep legal expertise to help position my office at the forefront of responsible, forward-looking AI policy to ensure we harness artificial intelligence for good while safeguarding the privacy, rights, and security of Arkansans.

“In his expanded role, Lee will lead the development of robust training programs for law enforcement and the legal community, ensuring practitioners statewide are equipped to understand AI’s capabilities and limitations. He will also collaborate with public agencies, industry experts, and academic institutions to identify and develop innovative AI tools that accelerate investigations, streamline operations, and improve legal outcomes.

“Arkansas can embrace innovation without compromising the rule of law. As AI use accelerates, Arkansas must lead with strong guardrails, smart enforcement, and responsible innovation. This role will help us stay ahead of emerging risks, strengthen enforcement where bad actors misuse

AI, and equip our legal community and law enforcement partners with the tools and knowledge they need.”

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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