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## **Attorney General Griffin Announces Successful Resolution of FOIA Lawsuit Against Arkansas Board of Corrections**

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**LITTLE ROCK** – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after a Pulaski County Circuit Court issued an order of dismissal in *Griffin v. Arkansas Board of Corrections* following the parties entering into a settlement agreement:

“I am pleased that this case has been brought to a successful conclusion. We filed this lawsuit in December 2023 to ensure that proper steps were taken in the hiring of outside counsel by the Arkansas Board of Corrections and to ensure the previous board followed the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. After more than two years of hearings and arguments, we reached a settlement with the Board, and today’s dismissal formally brings this matter to an end.

“Regardless of the parties involved or the issues at stake, transparency and accountability must remain cornerstones of good government. The Freedom of Information Act serves an essential role in preserving public confidence in our institutions, and I will continue to defend it whenever necessary.

“My late Chief Deputy, Bob R. Brooks Jr., was instrumental in bringing this case, and he cared deeply about it. I am pleased that the issues at the heart of this litigation have been resolved and that the case is finally concluded.”

To read the Circuit Court's order of dismissal, [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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