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Attorney General Griffin Praises Eighth Circuit Decision in Redistricting Case

Griffin: 'This decision is a win for our citizens and sends a message that the rule of law governs in Arkansas'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement regarding the denial by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit of en banc review of its previous decision in the case *Arkansas State Conference NAACP v. Arkansas Board of Apportionment*:

“Today’s decision denying the NAACP and ACLU’s petition for en banc review of the court’s November ruling reaffirms that only the United States may bring a claim under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

“Arkansas’s redistricting process is done by Arkansans elected by their fellow Arkansans. This decision is a win for our citizens and sends a message that the rule of law governs in Arkansas.

“It is important to remember that even the Biden administration declined to side with the claims of the ACLU and NAACP in this suit. I thank Solicitor General Nicholas Bronni and Senior Assistant Solicitor General Asher Steinberg for their outstanding work on this matter.”

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 has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 27 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. 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.

He is currently serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana. His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Liberty (née 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 attends Immanuel Baptist Church and lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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