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Attorney General Griffin Promotes Attorneys Justin Brascher, Laura Purvis

Griffin: 'It is rewarding to see people on my team excel, grow and thrive'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement announcing two promotions in his office:

“I am pleased to announce that Justin Brascher has been promoted to Senior Assistant Attorney General for Intergovernmental Affairs. Justin has worked in the Office of the Attorney General since January 2023 as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Division, Special Litigation Section, where he defended the state of Arkansas in various lawsuits. Justin’s range of experience as a litigator and prosecutor as well as his exceptional policy knowledge make him an excellent addition to our Intergovernmental Affairs team, where he will work with lawmakers and other elected officials on matters of policy and legislation.

“I have also promoted Laura Purvis to fill the position previously held by Justin in our Special Litigation Section. Laura joined my office straight out of law school and has done excellent work on many high-profile cases.

“It is rewarding to see people on my team excel, grow and thrive, and I am excited to have Justin and Laura serve the people of Arkansas in these new roles.”

Before joining the Office of the Attorney General, Brascher was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Cowlitz County, Washington. He has also served as a prosecutor in Bothell, Washington, and as a clerk in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington. Brascher is a graduate of the University of Washington and the University of Washington School of Law, where he was a member of the Washington Journal of Law, Technology, and Arts.

Purvis joined the Office of the Attorney General after graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law in May 2023. She received her bachelor's degree in music from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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 28 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 lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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