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Attorney General Griffin Thanks and Congratulates Outgoing Solicitor General Nicholas Bronni after Appointment to Arkansas Supreme Court

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LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin today issued the following statement after Solicitor General Nicholas Bronni was appointed by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to fill a two-year term on the Arkansas Supreme Court:

“I want to offer my sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Nick Bronni on his appointment to the Arkansas Supreme Court. It is obvious to anyone who has observed Nick’s work that he is one of the best legal minds in Arkansas and is indisputably a national-caliber talent as evidenced by his two successful arguments before the United States Supreme Court. I know he will serve the people of Arkansas well on our state’s highest court.

“With Nick’s departure from my office, I am naming Dylan Jacobs, who currently serves as Deputy Solicitor General, as Interim Solicitor General.”

Bronni added the following statement:

“I am humbled and honored by this appointment and look forward to serving the state of Arkansas in this new capacity. I am grateful to Attorney General Tim Griffin for selecting me to serve as his Solicitor General for the past two years. It has been a joy and privilege to work with so many smart and talented attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General.”

About Nicholas Bronni

Nicholas Bronni has served as the Solicitor General of Arkansas since July 2018. In that role, he has successfully argued two cases in the United States Supreme Court: *Delaware v. Pennsylvania*, 143 S. Ct. 696 (2023), an original-jurisdiction case concerning unclaimed property; and *Rutledge v. PCMA*, 141 S. Ct. 474 (2020), an ERISA preemption case. He has also successfully argued numerous cases before federal and state appellate courts, including *Arkansas Times v. Waldrip*, 37 F.4th 1386 (8th Cir. 2022) (en banc), which upheld Arkansas’s law barring state contractors from boycotting Israel; and *Arkansas State Conf. NAACP v. Arkansas Bd. of Apportionment*, 86 F.4th 1204 (8th Cir. 2023), a landmark case holding that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is not privately enforceable.

Bronni received his law degree with magna cum laude honors from the University of Michigan Law School. At Michigan, he was also an editor of the Michigan Law Review and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He received his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University.

Prior to returning home to Arkansas, Bronni was a Senior Litigation Counsel with the Appellate Litigation Group at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. He was also an associate with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Washington, D.C. Bronni also clerked for the Honorable Jay S. Bybee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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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