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Attorney General Griffin Announces Chef Jennifer Maune Will Open Restaurant in the Bob R. Brooks Jr. Justice Building

Griffin: 'I could not imagine a more perfect tenant for our beautiful building'

LITTLE ROCK – Attorney General Tim Griffin issued the following statement after hosting a press conference to announce the restaurant that will occupy the first floor of the Bob R. Brooks Jr. Justice Building:

“I am excited to announce that nationally acclaimed chef and Master Chef finalist Jennifer Maune will open her first restaurant, Restaurant Fleur, on the first floor of the Bob R. Brooks Jr. Justice Building.

“Chef Maune, a lifelong Arkansan, has trained at some of the most elite culinary institutions in the world, and her concept for this restaurant will be a fantastic addition to the life of downtown Little Rock. I could not imagine a more perfect tenant for our beautiful building.”

Maune added the following statement:

“This moment is the realization of a dream that began over five years ago. It’s the culmination of a lifelong passion for food, a dedication to excellence, and a deep love for Arkansas.”

Renovation of the first floor of the Brooks Building is ongoing, and Restaurant Fleur is scheduled to open in January 2026. Maune described Restaurant Fleur as “a refined French-American lunch and dinner concept offering gastronomic cuisine rooted in classical technique and seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Guests can expect soulful, elevated cooking that merges French elegance with Southern hospitality and cultural richness.”

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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