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Republican National Lawyers Association Adds Prominent Names to its Leadership

Former McCain Counsel Steggerda & Former FEC Chair Toner Headline Additions to Leadership

Washington, D.C. – This December, the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) added several prominent Republican attorneys to leadership positions. The RNLA added Ralph W. Johnson III, former RNLA Vice President for Judicial Affairs and Co-Chair of Halloran & Sage's Appellate Law and Advocacy Practice Group; Todd Steggerda, former Chief Counsel to McCain-Palin 2008; and Michael Toner, former FEC Chairman, Chief Counsel to the Republican National Committee (RNC) and General Counsel to Bush-Cheney 2000 to the organization's Board of Governors. In addition, the RNLA named Kristi Remington of Blank Rome LLP, Vice President of Judicial Affairs, and Heather Flick, Secretary to the Board of Governors.

Ralph W. Johnson is a partner with Halloran & Sage LLP in Hartford, CT, and is the Co-Chair of the firm's Appellate Law and Advocacy Practice Group. Johnson formerly served in the RNLA's Vice President for Judicial Affairs. He has presented oral argument on twenty-six occasions to appellate courts, including eleven arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In 2007, Mr. Johnson was named the Chair of the Publications Subcommittee for DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee. In that capacity, he serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the committee's newsletter, *Certworthy*. Also, in 2007, Mr. Johnson was named to the Hartford Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" list of regional business leaders.

Todd Steggerda, currently a partner in the Litigation and Regulatory and Government Affairs Departments of WilmerHale LLP, previously served as Chief Counsel to McCain-Palin 2008. Mr. Steggerda began his career more than twenty years ago with an Aerospace Engineering degree from the United States Naval Academy, and served in subsequent years as a Navy Flight Instructor and F-18 pilot. Steggerda has assisted a wide range of clients resolve complex, high-stakes investigations and litigation, including, the Department of Defense, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Justice, and other agencies. He also serves as Vice Chair of the D.C. Metro Chapter of Operation Homefront, a nationally-recognized charitable organization serving military families in need.

Michael Toner, currently a partner at Bryan Cave LLP, has served as counsel to a myriad number of Republican campaigns and organizations. In addition, Mr. Toner served on the Federal Election Commission (FEC) from 2003 through 2007 and as FEC Chairman in 2006. Prior to

serving on the FEC, Toner was Chief Counsel of the Republican National Committee. He joined the RNC in 2001 after serving as General Counsel of the Bush-Cheney transition team in Washington, D.C., and General Counsel of the Bush-Cheney 2000 presidential campaign in Austin, Texas. Before his tenure on the Bush-Cheney campaign, he was Deputy Counsel of the RNC from 1997-1999. He was also counsel to the Dole-Kemp presidential campaign in 1996.

Incoming Vice President for Judicial Affairs, Kristi Remington, a partner at Blank Rome LLP, previously served in the Bush administration as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice. In this position, Remington was responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating legal policy and strategic initiatives, interacting with the White House, executive branch agencies, and Congress on policy development and implementation. She also managed the coordination of the judicial selection process for Article III judges, working with the White House Counsel's Office in the selection and vetting of judicial nominees, including the successful confirmations of Chief Justice Roberts and Associate Justice Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to her service at the Department of Justice, she was a senior associate at the law firm of Balch & Bingham in Washington, DC.

Incoming Secretary, Heather Flick, is a partner at The Flick Group, a full service boutique firm that advises clients in all areas of commercial transactions, corporate law, and management — from private offerings and mergers and acquisitions, to corporate governance, IP protection, litigation and general business advice. Flick has worked in two White House administrations, founded two successful companies and has held multiple board seats throughout their acquisitions. Flick also currently serves as Executive Director of California, RNLA; Ballot Integrity Chair of the California Republican Lawyers Association; and General Counsel to the San Francisco Republican Party. Heather also served as Executive Director for California Lawyers for McCain and Co-Chaired Election Day Operations efforts for the 2008 General Election.

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