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RNLA Statement on the Nomination of Ten Federal Judges

Washington, D.C. — Today, President Donald J. Trump announced ten nominees for federal court vacancies. The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) strongly supports the nominations and applauds President Trump for his excellent choices.

When confirmed as federal judges, these nominees will be strong supporters of the rule of law, the Constitution, the separation of powers and federalism, and the proper role of the courts, like President Trump's first two judicial nominees: Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and Sixth Circuit Court nominee Amul Thapar.

Currently, there are over one hundred vacancies in the federal courts that need to be filled by President Trump. Fifty of these vacancies—nearly half—are classified as judicial emergencies by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, so prompt confirmation by the Senate is critical.

“President Trump is to be commended for fulfilling his pledge to nominate highly qualified judges. As with Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch, the outstanding individuals nominated today will make a lasting impact for the rule of law. The Republican National Lawyers Association stands ready to support these nominees through the confirmation process,” said RNLA Chair Kimberly A. Reed.

RNLA Co-Chair John Ryder agreed: “Once again, President Trump has demonstrated his commitment to a conservative, Constitutional approach to the law by nominating these judges. They are an exceptionally well-qualified group.”

RNLA Executive Director Michael Thielen stated: “With Justice Gorsuch, President Trump more than delivered on his campaign promise to nominate a justice in the mold of Justice Scalia, and now he has extended that approach, which was endorsed by the American people at the polls last November, to lower court nominees as well.”

The ten nominees are:

- Sixth Circuit: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Joan Larsen
- Sixth Circuit: John Bush
- Seventh Circuit: Professor Amy Coney Barrett
- Eighth Circuit: Minnesota Supreme Court Justice David Stras
- Eleventh Circuit: Kevin Newsom
- Middle District of Alabama: Magistrate Judge Terry Moorer
- District of the District of Columbia: Dabney Friedrich
- District of Idaho: Idaho Sixth Judicial District Court Judge David Nye

- Western District of Oklahoma: Scott Palk
- Court of Federal Claims: Damien Schiff

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