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RNLA Elects New Board of Governors Members

Washington, DC — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) elected four new members of its Board of Governors at its recent annual board meeting. These elite attorneys will help to lead the over 5,000-member-strong organization in 2017. RNLA Chair Kimberly Reed stated: "The RNLA is honored for these distinguished attorneys to join its Board of Governors. They bring a wealth of expertise and experience that will be invaluable to the Board."

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon is a nationally recognized trial lawyer, trusted boardroom advisor, and passionate advocate for individual, corporate and institutional clients across numerous industries and walks of life. She has been awarded the prestigious designation of Northern California Super Lawyer in business litigation by Thomson/West Publishing, an accolade reserved for the top 5% of lawyers in the jurisdiction. Ms. Dhillon's legal career has spanned an early interest in constitutional litigation, to a stint at the Department of Justice, to a decade of practice at prestigious international law firms, to founding her own law firm in 2006. Ms. Dhillon has developed a niche practice in representing clients across California in election and campaign law matters, ranging from general compliance and ethics representation for partisan and non-partisan contenders to ballot description contests and intellectual property matters pertaining to campaign communications. Ms. Dhillon is the former Vice Chair of the California Republican Party and the current RNC Committeewoman from California.

John R. Hammond III is co-chair of Ice Miller's Public Affairs Group. As a veteran of Indiana state government, he has helped shape a wide variety of public policy, from tax policy to environmental management, education to tort reform, transportation to insurance and economic development. Mr. Hammond served as a key aide to former Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr during his time as lieutenant governor, as well as serving as a deputy campaign manager for Orr's gubernatorial run in 1979 and heading up his transition team in 1980. He was senior executive assistant for Legislative Affairs and Education Policy in the Orr administration, serving as chief legislative liaison for six general sessions and three special sessions of the Indiana Legislature during the 1980s. Since leaving state government in 1988, he has led the governmental and public affairs programs for several major Indiana firms. He is a frequent public affairs panelist and lecturer and serves as a Republican commentator and analyst on Indiana Week in Review, a statewide public affairs news program of WFYI focusing on Indiana government and politics. He has served as an advisor to several statewide campaigns. Mr. Hammond is the RNC Committeeman from Indiana.

Matthew Morgan is a partner in the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg LLP where is he a member of the firm's Government Services and Finance Department. He has worked extensively in matters involving government contracts, state procurement law, and political law compliance. Mr. Morgan also negotiates economic development agreements for companies relocating to Indiana. His clients include officeholders, political candidates and committees, non-profit and tax exempt organizations, corporations, and other business organizations. His political law practice consists of advising both candidates and corporations on federal and state campaign finance, lobbying, gift, ethics, and conflict-of-interest laws. Mr. Morgan served as counsel to the reelection committee for

Governor Pence and served as Governor Pence's counsel during the vetting process for his eventual nomination as the Republican Party's nominee for Vice President of the United States.

Stefan Passantino is a partner of Dentons, where he is a member of the Public Policy and Regulation practice and heads the firm's Political Law practice. Mr. Passantino was Co-Chair of the Republican National Lawyers Association Ballot Access Project, is a co-author of the Handbook on Corporate Political Activity: Emerging Corporate Governance Issues, and leads the firm's Political Law team in the publication of its Pay-to-Play blog. His clients include major multi-national corporations, tax exempt advocacy groups, political parties, and politicians, including serving as national counsel to presidential candidate and former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, former Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, and former Governor Rick Perry and as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of Georgia Sam Olens. Mr. Passantino has been recognized as: one of the "Best Legal Minds in Washington" in the field of Campaign and Election law for every year since 2011 by Washingtonian Magazine; one of the leading political law attorneys by Chambers USA every year since 2010; a Georgia Super Lawyer by Law & Politics and Atlanta Magazine on their 2008-2016 lists; and one of "Georgia's Most Influential People" by James Magazine.

RNLA President Elliot Berke said: "I am pleased that these four accomplished lawyers have agreed to help lead the RNLA in 2017 as it seeks to advance Republican ideals during the Trump Administration."

These attorneys join the incumbent members of the Board of Governors, which include incoming White House Counsel Don McGahn, RNC General Counsel John Ryder, and many other distinguished lawyers: **Roger V. Barth**, Washington, DC; **Charles H. Bell, Jr.**, Sacramento, CA; **Elliot S. Berke**, Washington, DC; **J. Caleb Boggs III**, Washington, DC; **David K. Bowsher**, Birmingham, AL; **Mark Braden**, Washington, DC; **Reg Brown**, Alexandria, VA; **Craig S. Burkhardt**, Chicago, IL; **Douglas Chalmers**, Johns Creek, GA; **Charles J. Cooper**, Washington, DC; **John G. Fogarty, Jr.**, Chicago, IL; **Kathleen Jones Goldman**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Heather S. Heidelbaugh**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Dean A. Heyl**, Washington, DC; **Ronald L. Hicks, Jr.**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Robert J. Horn**, Reston, VA; **Manuel E. Iglesias**, Miami, FL; **Timothy E. Kronquist**, Milwaukee, WI; **Larry Levy**, New York, NY; **Anne W. Lewis**, Atlanta, GA; **Eric Lycan**, Lexington, KY; **Jeffrey D. Mamorsky**, New York, NY; **Beverly Weiss Manne**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Scott C. McCandless**, Washington, DC; **Hon. Donald F. McGahn**, Washington, DC; **David A. Norcross**, Washington, DC; **Robert C. O'Brien**, Los Angeles, CA; **Kimberly A. Reed**, Washington, DC; **Pat Rogers**, Albuquerque, NM; **John L. Ryder**, Memphis, TN; **Frank M. Salinger**, Washington, DC; **Peter K. Schalestock**, Alexandria, VA; **Charles A. Simmons**, New York, NY; **Jonathan L. Snare**, Washington, DC; **Charles R. Spies**, Washington, DC; **Todd R. Steggerda**, Washington, DC; **Christine Svenson**, Chicago, IL; **Nancy E. Taylor**, Washington, DC; **Harvey M. Tettlebaum**, Jefferson City, MO; **Michael B. Thielen**, Washington, DC; **Michael E. Toner**, Washington, DC; **Don Wallace, Jr.**, Washington, DC; **David Warrington**, Alexandria, VA; **Thomas E. Wheeler**, Indianapolis, IN; **Richard E. Wiley**, Washington, DC; and **Joanne W. Young**, Washington, DC.

For more information about the members of the Board of Governors, please visit the Leadership page on RNLA's website: <http://rnla.org/about/leadership.asp>.

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