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RNLA Congratulates 2018 Ed Meese Award Winner Scott Pruitt

Washington, DC — On April 27, 2018, the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) will present the Ed Meese Award to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt during its annual National Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. The Ed Meese Award is bestowed on an individual who has upheld the rule of law in the face of adverse political challenges.

Former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III, for whom the award is named, stated: “Scott Pruitt is an outstanding public servant who has rendered extraordinary service first to the state of Oklahoma and now to the entire nation. His accomplishment in common-sense environmentalism is an example for all who are truly interested in conservation of resources and quality of life.”

RNLA First Vice President Manuel E. Iglesias, who will interview Administrator Pruitt after giving him the award, said: “Scott Pruitt has led the effort to restore the rule of law at the EPA, fighting to enforce existing laws while not enacting new regulations that will hurt hardworking Americans with little effect on the environment. While being constantly attacked by Democrats, liberals, and the media, he has been steadfast in his defense of transparency, regulatory reform, agency efficiency, due process, and cooperative federalism.”

Administrator Pruitt was selected for his hard work to restore the rule of law to the Environmental Protection Agency under President Trump and his efforts to defend the rule of law and protect the role of states in our federalist system as the former Attorney General of Oklahoma. Administrator Pruitt has returned the EPA to its statutory mandates and limits, working tirelessly to undo the extra-legal practices of the Obama Administration while under constant attack from the left.

Past Ed Meese Award winners are: White House Counsel Donald F. McGahn II; Chuck Cooper; Dick Wiley; former Attorney General Michael Mukasey; former White House Counsel Fred Fielding; former Secretary Michael Chertoff; former Mayor Rudy Giuliani; then-Senator Jeff Sessions; Hans von Spakovsky; C. Boyden Gray; former Ambassador John Bolton; former Solicitor General Ted Olson; former Attorney General John Ashcroft; former Solicitor General Ken Starr; and former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, the award’s namesake.

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