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## **RNLA Re-Names Chairman's Award and Establishes Law Student Fund to Honor Founding Chair Bob Horn**

Washington, DC — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) is pleased to announce two initiatives to honor RNLA's Founding Chair, Robert J. Horn, whose vision for an organization of Republican lawyers led to the creation of the RNLA over 30 years ago. The RNLA is re-naming its Chairman's Award to the Robert J. Horn Chairman's Award, and establishing the Bob Horn Fund for Law Students to encourage law students to be more active in the RNLA.

Bob Horn has had a distinguished career of public and private service spanning over four decades. Currently a partner in the Energy & Natural Resources group at Husch Blackwell LLP, he previously served as a corporate officer for the Detroit Edison Co., Executive Secretary of the Presidential Clemency Board under President Gerald Ford, Special Assistant to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Director of the State of Michigan's Washington office, and Special Assistant to Governor William G. Milligan, in addition to many other professional and volunteer positions.

Mr. Horn served on the transition teams of Presidents Reagan, G.W. Bush and Trump and was Counsel and/or Parliamentarian for the Republican National Convention from 1980 to 2012. During the 2000 election, he helped organize lawyer volunteers around the country in support of President George W. Bush's presidential campaign and served as a lead attorney in Broward County, Florida, during the recount.

The Robert J. Horn Chairman's Award is presented by the RNLA Chair annually at the National Election Law Seminar and recognizes individuals for extraordinary dedication to the RNLA. It is given to individuals whose contributions have significantly furthered the RNLA mission – advancing professionalism, open, fair and honest elections, career opportunity, and Republican ideals – and made a noteworthy and positive impact for the Republican Party and the United States of America.

Current RNLA Chair John Ryder said of Mr. Horn: "RNLA wouldn't exist without Bob Horn. He provided the inspiration, guidance and leadership to get us started and keep us going. He is the very model of a gentlemen and a lawyer."

Immediate past RNLA Chair and first female RNLA Chair Kimberly Reed noted: "Bob Horn is to be applauded for his vision in founding the RNLA, which now is a remarkable organization of 6,000 lawyers across the United States. As Ronald Reagan said: 'The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.' Because of Bob's leadership, RNLA lawyers have come together as a force to advance professionalism, open, fair, and honest elections, career opportunity, and Republican ideals."

Past RNLA Chair Richard Wiley agreed: “Renaming the Chairman’s Award in Bob Horn’s name is very appropriate. He really is the father of RNLA and has contributed so much of his time, energy and considerable talents over many years to our Association. He very much deserves this honor.”

The Bob Horn Fund for Law Students was established through a generous donation from political.law, a leading political law firm founded by longtime friend and Life Member of the RNLA, Dan Backer. It will provide financial assistance to law students who wish to attend the RNLA’s annual National Policy Conference and National Election Law Seminar and assist in the establishment of law student chapters in key states throughout the country.

RNLA is the national organization of Republican attorneys. The mission of RNLA is to advance professionalism; open, fair and honest elections; career opportunity; and Republican ideals. For more information, please visit: <http://www.rnla.org>.

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