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## **United States Attorney General Eric Holder Attends Investiture of United States Attorney B. Todd Jones**

United States Attorney General Eric Holder today praised B. Todd Jones, the United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, saying Jones will be a superb U.S. Attorney here in Minnesota as well as an important part of the Justice Department at the national level. The Attorney General's comments were made as Jones was formally sworn into office this afternoon at the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis.

During the investiture ceremony, Jones told an audience that included Attorney General Holder, U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, and about 300 colleagues, staff, relatives, and friends, "I am honored the President has entrusted me to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota. Every time I have taken the oath to support and defend the Constitutional principles we all cherish, I am humbled." Jones, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the mid-1980s, as Assistant United States Attorney in the 1990s, and United States Attorney for three years during the Clinton administration, added, "The opportunity to serve our country again is one I will always cherish. The four simple words embedded somewhere on the wall of every federal courthouse in the land – equal justice under law – represent a bedrock principle upon which our great nation will continue to thrive. They are words intended to guide us every day as we represent the people of the United States as members of the Department of Justice."

In his speech at the event, Attorney General Holder announced that Jones will chair the Attorney General's Advisory Committee ("AGAC"), a group of experienced and respected U.S. Attorneys who counsel the Attorney General, a former United States Attorney himself, on matters concerning the 93 U.S. Attorney offices around the country. Those Offices represent the interests of the United States in both criminal and civil matters. Of his appointment of Jones to the AGAC leadership post, the Attorney General said, "Todd will be an integral part of the Justice Department team we've assembled to keep the American people safe, restore the credibility of a department badly shaken by allegations of improper political interference, and reinvigorate our traditional law enforcement missions. I thank Todd for answering the call to service, and I look forward to working with him and his office over the next several years."

United States Senator Amy Klobuchar, who nominated Jones for his current stint as United States Attorney, also spoke at the investiture, saying, “Minnesota has a long tradition of outstanding U.S. Attorneys, and Todd Jones is among them. I was fortunate to work with him when I was Hennepin County Attorney, and it was my honor to recommend him to the President for this position. Todd brings integrity and independence to a U.S. Attorney’s office already respected for its professionalism. He understands the role of a prosecutor is to enforce the laws and ensure justice is done, without fear or favor. He’s done that before, and I know he’ll do it again.”

Those words were echoed by Minnesota State Court of Appeals Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright, a former Assistant United States Attorney and long-time friend of Jones. “Todd Jones returns to this office and its tradition of excellence at a time when the challenges facing our nation have never been greater or more complex. We require adept leaders with multiple talents to respond to those challenges. In meeting his responsibilities as U.S. Attorney, Todd brings the important characteristics of ethical leadership to bear on his service to Minnesota and, in turn, the nation: accountability, collegiality, love of this country and the ideals on which it was founded, careful devotion to the Constitution, and fidelity to the rule of law.”

Today’s event culminated with United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis administering the oath of office to Jones, who was accompanied by his wife and three of his five children. Jones then briefly spoke, complimenting the staff of the U.S. Attorney’s Office before stressing how he and that staff will work tirelessly to uphold the bedrock principle of “equal justice under law.”

Immediately prior to becoming U.S. Attorney under the Obama administration, Jones, a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Law, served as a partner with the national law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P., in Minneapolis. In the past, he was a member of the Board of Governors for the University of St. Thomas School of Law and the University of Minnesota Foundation. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served on the Federal Public Defender Panel, assisting indigent criminal defendants. Jones and his family reside in St. Paul.