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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF J. TIMOTHY GRIFFIN AS INTERIM UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Justice Department today announced the appointment of J. Timothy Griffin to serve as the interim U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Mr. Griffin will serve under an Attorney General appointment. He will succeed Bud Cummins, who will resign on December 20, 2006, to pursue opportunities in the private sector.

Mr. Griffin currently serves as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Arkansas. He recently completed a year of active duty in the U.S. Army, and is in his tenth year as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), holding the rank of Major. In September 2005, Mr. Griffin was mobilized to active duty to serve as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Ky. At Fort Campbell, he prosecuted 40 criminal cases, including *U.S. v. Mikel*, which drew national interest after Pvt. Mikel attempted to murder his platoon sergeant and fired upon his unit's early morning formation. Pvt. Mikel pleaded guilty to attempted murder and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In May 2006, Tim was assigned to the 501st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division and sent to serve in Iraq. From May through August 2006, he served as an Army JAG with the 101st Airborne Division in Mosul, Iraq, as a member of the 172d Stryker Brigade Combat Team Brigade Operational Law Team, for which he was awarded the Combat Action Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

Prior to being called to active duty, Mr. Griffin served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Political Affairs at the White House, following a stint at the Republican National Committee.

From 2001 to 2002, Mr. Griffin served at the Department of Justice as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Arkansas in Little Rock. In this capacity, Mr. Griffin prosecuted a variety of federal cases with an emphasis on firearm and drug cases. He also organized the Eastern District's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative, the Bush Administration's effort to reduce firearm-related violence by promoting close cooperation between State and federal law enforcement, and served as the PSN coordinator.

Mr. Griffin has also served as Senior Counsel to the House Government Reform Committee, as an Associate Independent Counsel for *In Re: Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros*, and as an associate attorney with a New Orleans law firm.

Mr. Griffin graduated *cum laude* from Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., and received his law degree, *cum laude*, from Tulane Law School. He also attended graduate school at Pembroke College at Oxford University. Mr. Griffin was raised in Magnolia, Ark., and resides in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth.

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