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RNLA Elects New Board of Governors Members

Washington, DC **—** The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) elected four new members to its Board of Governors at its annual board meeting. These elite attorneys will help to lead the over 6,000-member strong organization.

RNLA Chair Manuel Iglesias stated: "The new Board members are leaders in their fields and states. They reflect the diversity of RNLA both regionally and in their practices. We are proud to welcome them to the Board and part of our leadership team."

These four attorney members of the Board of Governors were elected for 2020, joining the 35 incumbent members of the Board of Governors. They are:

Brenda Hankins, of Alexandria, Virginia, currently practices campaign finance and compliance with Election CFO. Previously, she served as the Deputy Director and Counsel for the Office of Legislative Counsel at the Office of General Counsel for the Department of Defense. Brenda has a deep understanding of the Legislative branch, having served as Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, as Legislative Director for Congressman J. Randy Forbes, and as an Investigator for the Appropriations Committee's Surveys and Investigations Team. Currently, Brenda is Chair of the RNLA Women's Network.

Jeffrey Mamorsky, of New York, New York, is a Shareholder of Greenberg Traurig. In that capacity, he serves as Co-Chair of the Global Benefits & Compensation Practice and Co-Chair of the Labor & Employment Practice's ERISA & Employee Benefits Litigation group. He concentrates his practice in the areas of compensation and employee benefits law. Jeffrey is consistently listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*, Employee Benefits - ERISA; Litigation – ERISA, as well as in *The Legal 500 United States*, and among the *New York Metro Super Lawyers.* Jeffrey previously served on the RNLA Board of Governors.

Matthew Petersen of Washington, District of Columbia, is a Partner at Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky PLLC. A former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, Matthew is recognized nationally for his expertise in campaign finance, elections, lobbying, free speech, and government ethics. Matthew's tenure on the FEC coincided with several landmark court decisions, including Citizens United v. FEC, and his leadership ultimately shaped the legal framework governing Super PACs and political speech. Prior to joining the FEC, Matthew served as Chief Counsel to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and as Counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives

Committee on House Administration, where he was extensively involved in the crafting of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Thomas Wheeler, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a Member of Frost Brown Todd LLC, and Principal in the Government & Regulatory Services groups. He also serves as General Counsel to the National Sheriffs Association where he has been focused on the COVID-19 response. His prior federal service includes as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education and as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to that he served as Counsel to then Indiana Governor and now-Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence. Tom previously served on the RNLA Board of Governors.

RNLA President David Warrington said: "It is great to welcome back 'old' Board Members Tom Wheeler and Jeff Mamorsky with new leaders former FEC Commissioner Matt Petersen and 2020 Betty Murphy Award Winner Brenda Hankins. Thanks to the leadership and service of leaders like these, RNLA is truly the home for Republican lawyers in the Republican Party."

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

The RNLA is the national organization of Republican attorneys. The mission of the 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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