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RNLA Honors Justin Riemer “for Protecting the Honesty and Accuracy of Elections”

Washington, D.C. — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) is pleased to announce that its fifth Robert J. Horn Chairman’s Award will be bestowed on Justin Riemer during the 20th National Election Law Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 13-14, 2021.

The Robert J. Horn Chairman’s Award is an award presented to individuals for nationally distinguished service to the citizens of the United States of America for protecting the honesty and accuracy of elections. It is presented in honor of the late Founding Chairman, who succeeded in significantly advancing the integrity of elections throughout his professional lifetime by founding and promoting the Republican National Lawyers Association.

“Congratulations to Justin Riemer on winning the RNLA Chairman’s Award. As a member of the RNLA staff, an election official, and critical contributor to the RNC, he has consistently provided excellent legal services, with integrity, humility, and skill. We look forward to continuing to work with him for the good of the Party and the country for many years,” RNLA Chair Larry Levy said.

RNLA Executive Director Michael Thielen added: “I have viewed up close Justin’s leadership in election administration for over a decade. While at RNLA, he organized our National Election Law Seminar and co-authored our response to President Obama’s Commission on Election Administration, which he also testified on before the Senate. In my home state of Virginia, he effectively and fairly administered elections. At the RNC, he led the counsel’s office through the most difficult election cycle since the Democrat Jim Crow era and now is helping lead the RNC’s new Election Integrity efforts to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat. He is a worthy recipient of the Horn Award and Bob would be proud to have him in the RNLA family.”

RNLA President David Bowsher explained: “We are proud of all of the hard work that Justin, the rest of the RNC legal team, and other Republican lawyers nationwide did in the unprecedented elections of 2020.”

As 2020 Chairman’s Award Winner and Lawyers Democracy Fund President Harvey Tettlebaum noted: “As a prior recipient of the Bob Horn Award, I congratulate Justin Riemer on his selection as the 2021 recipient of the Award. Justin performed masterfully as Chief Counsel of the Republican National Committee during a difficult Presidential election year. During an election year which did not end on November 10th, Justin provided timely and wise legal advice to protect the honesty and accuracy of all the elections, including those affecting the elections to the U.S. House and Senate. Justin’s commitment to fair, honest, and open elections has well served both the country and the Republican Party. His is a trusted voice of reason and competence during a time of

unrest and political confusion. Justin is an example of what a Republican lawyer should be and should do. His commitment to ethical service in this regard should stand as example for others who will follow him either into government service (his prior employment) or Republican Party grass roots efforts.”

Justin Riemer is Chief Counsel to the Republican National Committee and has extensive experience in election law and administration. Justin returned to the RNC, where he was Deputy Chief Counsel during the 2016 election cycle, after an appointment as Deputy General Counsel for Postsecondary Education at the Department of Education under Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Justin has also served as the Deputy Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections (SBE), as Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and as Deputy Director of the Republican National Lawyers Association. Justin has written and spoken extensively on election law matters, including testifying before the Senate Rules Committee on the use of data in elections.

The RNLA is the national organization for 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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