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RNLA Announces New Additions to Board of Governors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – At the annual Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) Board of Governors Meeting, six new members were elected to the Board for 2013. The six new members of the Board join an elite group of prominent Republican attorneys from around the country who will help to lead the 5,000 member strong organization for the next year. “I am extremely honored and pleased to welcome to the Board such a great group of leaders and Republican attorneys,” stated RNLA Board of Governors Chair Randy Evans.

Michael G. Adams is a partner in the Government Relations Practice Group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and brings a wealth of experience in political, governmental and constitutional law to the firm. His practice focuses on counseling and representing candidates, parties, independent groups, political vendors and donors. He also counsels and represents clients in other state and federal constitutional and regulatory matters. Michael previously served as in-house General Counsel of the Republican Governors Association (RGA), and continues to serve as General Counsel from Dinsmore. Prior to joining the RGA, Michael served at the U.S. Department of Justice as Deputy Chief Privacy & Civil Liberties Officer and Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General. From 2004 to 2006, he served as Deputy General Counsel to Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher. Michael has J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he served as the Executive Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy.

David K. Bowsher serves as Partner in Charge of the Adams and Reese LLP Birmingham office. His practice focuses principally on mergers and acquisitions involving troubled companies and on corporate restructuring and bankruptcy issues. He also spends time in the firm’s D.C. office on governmental relations matters. Mr. Bowsher came to Adams and Reese from the U.S. Department of Commerce, where he served as Acting General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. Mr. Bowsher received his bachelor of arts in English and American literature (with honors) and economics from Brown University in 1995. After teaching English at the Culver Academies in Culver, Indiana, he attended Duke University School of Law, where he was an Articles Editor for the Duke Law Journal and was elected to the Order of the Coif, graduating in 1999 with his juris doctorate (cum laude). He also served as a judicial clerk for Judge William H. Yohn, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Kathleen Jones Goldman is a shareholder in the Litigation Group of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC. She has a diverse litigation practice which includes extensive experience at both the trial and appellate levels in handling complex commercial matters. She focuses much of her practice on matters relating to energy and natural resources, as well as the banking and financial services industries. She is the Chair of the RNLA’s Pittsburgh Chapter and was the co-Chair of Pennsylvania Lawyers for Romney. She is regularly quoted in Pennsylvania media on elections law matters and was an outspoken and regular commentator regarding the Pennsylvania Voter ID law. In the 2008 and 2012 Presidential Elections, she represented the Republican candidates in Election Court in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Lee Goodman advises clients on a broad range of policy-oriented civil matters, including federal and state election laws and First Amendment rights of political participation, political action on the Internet, taxation of the Internet, as well as education issues and academic freedom. Mr. Goodman has advised several Fortune 500 corporations, media and broadcasting stations, nonprofit organizations, political parties and politicians on compliance with federal and state campaign finance laws, FCC political broadcasting rules, Internal Revenue Service restrictions on non-profit political activity, ethics and lobbying rules, the Hatch Act and voting rights. He has represented clients' interests before courts, the Federal Election Commission and other agencies that regulate political activity. Washingtonian magazine has named Mr. Goodman one of Washington's "Top Campaign & Elections Lawyers." Mr. Goodman serves as a Director of the American Council of Trustees & Alumni, an organization devoted to excellence and accountability in higher education, and previously served as the chief education policy advisor to the Governor of Virginia (1998 – 2002) and legal counsel to the University of Virginia (1995 – 1996). Mr. Goodman has served as RNLA's Virginia Chapter Leader, Treasurer and First Vice President. Mr. Goodman is State Party Counsel to the Republican Party of Virginia.

Frank Salinger has more than 30 years of leadership experience as an accomplished federal and state legislative strategist. Before forming his own practice, he headed the government relations department for one of the nation's largest credit card companies. In his career, he headed the government relations programs for the American Financial Services Association and the Truck Trailer Manufacturers Association representing leading manufacturing and financial services companies. He is listed in Who's Who in American Law.

Tom Wheeler is a member of Frost Brown Todd and is a principal in the Government Services and Appellate practice groups. He has extensive experience in representing schools and other municipal entities throughout the United States in administrative, trial and appellate matters. Tom has spoken extensively on civil rights issues addressing national organizations as diverse as the National School Boards Association and the American Civil Liberties Union, as well as appearing on National Public Radio. In addition to representing municipalities Tom is very active politically, providing legal advice on campaign, finance, and election issues to political parties and candidates throughout the United States. He formerly Chaired the Indiana Recount Commission and the Indiana Election Commission. He was also a former Chair of the RNLA Indiana Chapter and General Counsel to Mike Pence for Governor.

The Republican National Lawyers Association (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.

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