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RNLA HONORS DICK WILEY WITH THE ED MEESE AWARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) is pleased to name Dick Wiley as the recipient of the 2015 Ed Meese Award. Wiley was selected for the Ed Meese Award, named after the 65th United States Attorney General, as he has upheld the rule of law in the face of adverse political challenges.

Richard E. Wiley is Chairman of Wiley Rein LLP, a Washington, DC law firm with the largest communications practice in the United States. As a former Chairman, Commissioner, and General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission (1970-77), he was a leading force in the agency's initial efforts to foster increased competition and lessened regulation in the communications field.

Since 1985, Dick Wiley has been regularly recognized as one of the nation's "100 Most Influential" lawyers by *The National Law Journal*. He also has been profiled in *The New York Times* ("Telecommunications' Ubiquitous Man of Influence"), *Los Angeles Times* ("The Sixth Commissioner"), *The International Herald Tribune* ("Most Influential Media Lawyer in U.S."), *The Globe and Mail* ("Father of HDTV"), and *The American Lawyer* ("Brand Name of Communications Law" and "Lifetime Achiever").

Mr. Wiley was awarded an Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for leading the development of the nation's digital television transmission standard. He also has received numerous industry-related recognitions including: the National Association of Broadcaster's Distinguished Service Award, the North American Broadcasters Association's International Achievement Award, the Library of American Broadcasting's "Giants in Broadcasting", the Broadcasters Foundation of America's Excellence in Broadcasting Award, the Consumer Electronics Association's Gold Medal and Hall of Fame, and Broadcasting & Cable Magazine's "100 Men of the Century."

Mr. Wiley graduated with distinction from Northwestern (B.S. and J.D. Degrees) and holds a Masters Degree in Law (LL.M.) from Georgetown. He has received distinguished alumnus awards from each University as well as a Honorary Doctor of Laws from Catholic University. He has served as President of the Federal Bar and Federal Communications Bar Associations and Chair of the ABA's Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section.

Mr. Wiley is a lifelong Republican who has been active in numerous local, state and national election campaigns. He has served as a National Co-Chairman of the "Lawyers for" President of four of the last five nominees. He has also served as National Co-Chairman of Lawyers for Bush-Quayle (1992), Lawyers for Bush-Cheney (2000 and 2004), Lawyers for McCain (2008) and Lawyers for Romney (2012). Mr. Wiley has also been previously honored by the RNLA with the 2003 Republican Lawyer of the Year Award.

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. Past winners of the Ed Meese award include Judge Ken Starr, Attorney General John Ashcroft, White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray, Ambassador John Bolton, Solicitor General Theodore Olson, Federal Election Commission Commissioner Hans von Spakovsky, Senator Jeff Sessions, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, former White House Counsel Fred Fielding and former Attorney General Michael Mukasey. For more information, please visit http://www.rnla.org.

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