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Former Mayor Giuliani Discusses Prescription Drug Abuse in WLF Paper

The abuse and illegal diversion of prescription medications has in the past several years become an area of intensified scrutiny and heightened government enforcement activity. While doctors and patient advocates recognize the public health impact of such abuse, they have expressed serious concerns over how resulting prosecutions and lawsuits affect their access to live-saving drugs. The need for both sides to understand and appreciate their respective concerns and pursue balanced policies, was the subject of a recent discussion between former U.S. Attorney General **Dick Thornburgh** and former Mayor of New York City **Rudolph W. Giuliani**. Today, Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) released the details of that discussion in the latest edition of its CONVERSATIONS WITH publication.

Former Attorney General Thornburgh, who also served two terms as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is currently Counsel to the law firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP and acts as Chairman to WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board. Former Mayor Giuliani served the citizens of New York City for two terms from 1993-2001, and previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He is currently Chairman and CEO of Giuliani Partners LLC, which he founded in 2002.

This conversation arose out of Mayor Giuliani's work with a consortium he chairs, the Rx Action Alliance. The Alliance serves as a facilitator of discussion and information sharing among healthcare professionals, law enforcement, patients, and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Mayor Giuliani discusses the group's efforts to raise public awareness of the need for balance between enforcement and access, as well as some of the pressing issues that face policy makers, healthcare providers, and patients in this contentious area.

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