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## FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL OLSON REJOINS WLF ADVISORY BOARD

The Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) and the Chairman of its Legal Policy Advisory Board, former U.S. Attorney General **Dick Thornburgh**, are pleased to announce that **The Honorable Theodore B. Olson**, former Solicitor General of the United States, has rejoined the Board.

“Ted Olson is one of the most insightful, respected lawyers and legal scholars of our time,” said Daniel J. Popeo, WLF's Chairman and General Counsel. He added, “America was most fortunate to have had him as its Solicitor General during a very trying three years, and WLF is equally thrilled to have him back on our Advisory Board. He has a deep commitment to free enterprise principles and to the cause of freedom, and understands the value of working with public interest law advocates like WLF to advance those principles.”

Prior to his appointment to the position of Solicitor General in 2001, General Olson was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, the firm to which he returned this past September. He is a member of the firm's Executive Committee, serves as Co-Chair of the Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group, and heads the firm's crisis management team.

General Olson is one of numerous Advisory Board members who, in the past three years departed for prominent positions in government. They include: **Judge William J. Pryor** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; **Tommy Thompson**, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; **Gale A. Norton**, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; **William H. Lash III**, Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance, Department of Commerce; **Hal Stratton**, Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; **Judge Susan Braden** of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and **Joe Whitley**, General Counsel of the Department of Homeland Security.

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