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WLF BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED TO SENIOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

President George W. Bush recently designated Washington Legal Foundation (WLF) Legal Policy Advisory Board members Larry D. Thompson and Theodore B. Olson to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States and United States Solicitor General, respectively. "We are pleased that these two distinguished attorneys, who both fully understand and respect the enormous power and influence the Justice Department wields over free enterprise and the public in general, have been selected for these critically important positions," said Daniel J. Popeo, WLF's Chairman and General Counsel. Both attorneys have served on WLF's Advisory Board since 1989.

"Larry Thompson's experience dealing with sensitive civil and criminal investigations and prosecutions for clients as a partner at King & Spalding and on the government's behalf as a U.S. Attorney have prepared him to deal with the complex legal, political, and management issues that come before the Deputy Attorney General each day" said Popeo. In addition to serving on WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board, Mr. Thompson has been an active participant in the Foundation's educational efforts, preparing a paper on white collar sentencing and appearing as a featured speaker in several WLF-sponsored panel discussions.

Ted Olson has been similarly active in WLF's programs, participating in a number of Foundation media briefings on the U.S. Supreme Court, authoring several papers on punitive damages, including a ground-breaking Monograph, and communicating regularly with WLF Litigation Division attorneys on litigation opportunities in several issue areas. "He is clearly one of the country's most outstanding appellate litigators," WLF's Popeo said about Solicitor General-Designate Olson, adding "I can't think of anyone who is more qualified to represent the government's interests in the appellate process."

WLF is a national non-profit public interest law and policy center based in Washington, D.C., that promotes free enterprise, private property rights, and a limited and

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accountable government through precedent-setting litigation, public policy research, education, and civic communications.

WLF's Legal Policy Advisory Board, chaired by former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, includes over 50 prominent individuals in the legal and public policy community. Secretary of Health & Human Services, Tommy Thompson, and Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, as well as newly elected Senator George Allen, also have served as members.

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