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WLF BOARD MEMBER HAL STRATTON CONFIRMED AS PRODUCT SAFETY CHAIR

Former New Mexico Attorney General Hal Stratton, who served on the Washington Legal Foundation's (WLF) Legal Policy Advisory Board for over a decade, was recently confirmed as the Chairman of the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). "We are pleased that Hal Stratton, who fully understands and respects the impact federal regulation of consumer products has on the free enterprise system and the public in general, has been confirmed for this critically important position," said Daniel J. Popeo, WLF's Chairman and General Counsel. "Having served as a state Attorney General, Chairman Stratton is uniquely well-qualified to interpret and enforce this nation's product safety laws," Popeo added.

Prior to being confirmed as the eighth Chairman of the CPSC, Hal Stratton served in the New Mexico House of Representatives from 1979 through 1986. While there, he served on the Judiciary, Energy and Natural Resources, and Transportation committees. In 1986, he was elected as Attorney General of New Mexico and served in that capacity from 1987 through 1990. He has had a private law practice in Albuquerque since 1991 and recently served as the President of the Rio Grande Foundation, an independent research and educational organization dedicated to the study of public policy.

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. In addition to Chairman Stratton, a number of other Advisory Board members have departed over the past year for prominent positions in the federal government. They include: **Tommy Thompson**, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; **Gale A. Norton**, Secretary of the Department of the Interior; **Larry D. Thompson**, Deputy Attorney General of the United States; **Theodore B. Olson**, Solicitor General of the United States; **Richard A. Hauser**, General Counsel to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; **William H. Lash III**, Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance, Department of Commerce; and **The Honorable Richard J. Leon**, a federal district court judge on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

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