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Governor Jan Brewer Selects Attorney Paul Clement as Lead Counsel for SB 1070 Petition to U.S. Supreme Court

*Former Solicitor General under President George W. Bush to Lead Arizona's Defense
of SB 1070*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced her selection of renowned attorney Paul D. Clement as lead counsel in filing Arizona's Petition for Writ of Certiorari at the U.S. Supreme Court regarding SB 1070.

"Mr. Clement has an impeccable nationwide reputation for his expertise in appellate and constitutional litigation," said Governor Brewer. "He is well-suited to lead our excellent legal team as we advance Arizona's appeal to the Supreme Court."

Mr. Clement is a partner at Bancroft PLLC in Washington, D.C. He served under President George W. Bush as the 43rd Solicitor General of the United States, from 2005 until 2008. Prior to Mr. Clement's service as Solicitor General, he was Acting Solicitor General for nearly a year and Principal Deputy Solicitor General for more than three years. He is a former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Mr. Clement is regarded as one of the nation's premier Supreme Court practitioners. He has argued more than 50 cases before the High Court, including *McConnell v. FEC*, *Tennessee v. Lane*, *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, and *McDonald v. Chicago*. Additionally, Mr. Clement's lower court experience includes many of the government's most important cases, such as *Walker v. Cheney* and the successful appeal in *United States v. Moussaoui*. He currently serves as lead counsel representing 26 states, including Arizona, in the Florida lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of ObamaCare. That case is currently before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Mr. Clement has argued some of our nation's most significant legal cases, and I'm extremely confident in his abilities," said Governor Brewer. "I'm optimistic the Supreme Court will choose to hear our defense of SB 1070, and certain that Mr. Clement will serve the State of Arizona well."

Last month, Governor Brewer announced her intention to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to lift the injunction on SB 1070. It likely will be late September or early October before the court announces whether it will hear the case.

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