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Today, Governor Mike Parson announced he is appointing his general counsel Andrew Bailey as the next Missouri Attorney General. Bailey's appointment will fill the vacancy of current Attorney General and U.S. Senator-elect Eric Schmitt. Schmitt is replacing U.S. Senator Roy Blunt.

Andrew Bailey joined the Parson administration in 2019 as deputy counsel for the Governor's office. He has served as general counsel since 2021. Previously, he served as an assistant attorney general, assistant prosecuting attorney in Warren County, and general counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Governor Parson's office provided the following background information:

"The historical significance of appointing an Attorney General for the second time of our administration has not been lost on me. But such a monumental, history-defining decision can be made so easily with the right candidate, and Andrew Bailey is the right candidate to lead Missourians as our next Attorney General," **Governor Parson** said. "While it's bittersweet to lose Andrew on our team, it gives us peace of mind to know his talents and passion for the rule of law and public service will be so well utilized as Attorney General. Andrew understands the need to do better, to be better, and with Andrew, better will not only be possible but achieved."

"I want to thank Governor Parson, the entire Governor's Office team, and of course my wife and children for their love and support. God has truly blessed me and my family with the opportunities He has granted us," **Mr. Bailey** said. "I'm excited to get to work on behalf of Missourians to uphold the rule of law, protect freedoms, and ensure our kids and grandkids inherit a better world. My entire career has been defined by public service, and now I'm ready to continue that service as your Attorney General, where I will work tirelessly to earn your trust and never stop fighting on your behalf."

"Andrew lives by and embodies the ideals of faith, family, and freedom," **Governor Parson** said. "He'll fight for our kids like they're his own, and he'll ensure the American Dream lives on for the next generations. We could not be more excited for him, his family, and the State of Missouri."

Mr. Bailey earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Army as an officer. He was deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in response to the 9/11 Attacks. He was awarded two Army Achievement Medals, an Army Accommodation Medal, a Combat Action Badge, and two Bronze Star Medals for his service.

In 2009, he returned from deployment and enrolled at the University of Missouri School of Law. He graduated and began his legal career. Mr. Bailey has handled countless cases in both state and federal courts throughout his career.

It was in the courtroom where he heard stories of countless Missouri children in need that motivated him and his wife to become foster parents. Mr. Bailey and his wife, Jessica, have four children ranging from 6 months to 10 years old.

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