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STATEMENT REGARDING JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY THOMAS B. WINE

It is with great sadness that I share with our community that Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas B. Wine has passed away after a brief illness. For over 40 years, Wine professionally served the citizens of Jefferson County with honor and integrity, and he will be greatly missed. Wine's family asks for privacy during this very difficult time. Please keep the Wine family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thomas B. Wine, served as the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney for the last ten years. He was first elected Commonwealth's Attorney in 2012 and was elected to a second term in 2018.

Prior to being elected Commonwealth's Attorney, Tom enjoyed serving in the Justice system as both a prosecutor and a judge. He was sworn in as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Jefferson County, October 1980, under David L. Armstrong. In 1982 that office awarded him Prosecutor of the Year.

In 1984 he began work at the Kentucky Attorney General's Office. He served as chief of the Leviticus Unit, investigating fraudulent investments in coal and oil tax shelters; was an Assistant in the Special Prosecutions Unit; and served from 1986 until 1987 as the first Director of the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Unit.

Tom returned to the Office of Commonwealth's Attorney in Jefferson County in January 1988 where he served as a Division Chief until December 1990.

Tom resigned as a prosecutor to run for Jefferson Circuit Court Judge. He was elected in November 1991 and began his first term on January 6, 1992. In 1997, the Louisville Bar Association recognized him as Judge of the Year. He was re-elected without opposition

to serve a second term in 1999. The Jefferson Circuit Court term elected him as Chief Judge in 2000.

In September 2000, Chief Justice Joseph Lambert appointed Tom to serve on the Jefferson County Racial Fairness Commission. He continued to be a member of that Commission and served on subcommittees involving jury selection and setting bonds.

In August 2006, Governor Ernie Fletcher appointed Tom to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He was elected to a full term in November 2006. He was appointed by Chief Justice Joseph Lambert to Chair the Kentucky Court of Justice Records Retention Task Force. Chief Justice John Minton of the Kentucky Supreme Court appointed Tom to serve as the first Chair of the Technology Governance Committee of the Kentucky Court of Justice as well as a member of the County Law Library Task Force.

In 2009, he received the Fair Administration of Justice Award from the Kentucky Association Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In January 2012, Tom resigned from the Court of Appeals to pursue the opportunity to serve as Jefferson County's top felony prosecutor.

Tom was a Master in the American Inns of Court, Louis D. Brandeis Inn and served as the President of the Inn for 2 years.

Tom has volunteered in the Community for several years and in 1996 received the Community Service Award presented by Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO. He volunteered with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and in 2012 received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award a Boy Scout Council can give to a volunteer.