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HORNE TAKES THOMAS TO TASK FOR POLITICALLY MOTIVATED TENURE AS COUNTY ATTORNEY

(Scottsdale) - Tom Horne put Andrew Thomas on his heels in a Scottsdale Tea Party debate Thursday night. When confronted with a court ruling that, as County Attorney, Thomas used his powers to pursue political vendettas, the best Thomas could say was that he could not disclose grand jury proceedings. Horne noted, "The false charges of bribery and extortion (for which there was no evidence) that Thomas brought against four judges who had ruled against him in court never went before a grand jury. "

Horne added, "In the debate, Thomas said he didn't have time - even in a 90 minute forum - to defend the allegation that he used his office to pursue political vendettas. The truth is, he could take all the time in the world and not defend his record of prosecuting political opponents because all of those cases have been dropped or dismissed for a lack of evidence. His actions are, in fact, indefensible, which is why Thomas can't even try. Three judges have reprimanded him for unethical behavior in these cases; one even saying it had the 'appearance of evil.'"

"When confronted by this record, Thomas has nothing of substance to back up his claims because there is no substance. Arizona does not need that kind of Attorney General," Horne concluded.

Tom Horne has 30 years courtroom experience, has been a judge pro-tem, special assistant attorney general and has written a legal textbook. He has fought for constitutional principles by litigating the Flores English language learner case, which saved Arizona taxpayers \$300 million. He has ensured that the voter-approved ban on bi-lingual education in the classroom is vigorously enforced, and is a supporter of both SB 1070 and the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association Restore Our Border Security Plan.

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