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**F.L.E.O.A. SUPPORTS NOMINATION
OF JUDGE MUKASEY**

Art Gordon, the National President for the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), announced FLEOA'S support of the nomination of retired federal judge Michael B. Mukasey for the position of Attorney General. As the largest non-profit, nonpartisan professional organization exclusively representing federal law enforcement officers, FLEOA recognizes the impressive credentials of Judge Mukasey, and applauds the President's decision to nominate him.

In his capacity as a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (including six years as Chief Judge), Judge Mukasey distinguished himself as a firm intellectual leader in the judicial system. FLEOA agrees with the comments of former U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White regarding the candidacy of Judge Mukasey; that is, "He deals with the issue in front of him in a very hard-nosed intellectual way, and with a ramrod sense of fairness" (from NPR's Day to Day).

FLEOA is impressed with Judge Mukasey's service as the former Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office of Official Corruption. Additionally, FLEOA has tremendous respect for the professionalism exuded by Judge Mukasey when he presided over the high profile trial of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman. He has proven himself as an unflappable, effective leader in the courtroom.

FLEOA intends to share its position on Judge Mukasey's nomination with the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is FLEOA'S hope that the committee will cast aside any partisan differences and expeditiously confirm Judge Mukasey as the next Attorney General.