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**U.S. SUPREME COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE TO LETHAL INJECTION
PROTOCOLS**

DENVER—The United States Supreme Court today rejected a legal challenge to Oklahoma’s capital punishment method in *Glossip v. Gross*, a lawsuit seeking to ban the use of Midazolam as the preliminary drug in the three-drug lethal injection protocol. The Colorado Attorney General’s office joined 13 other state attorneys general in an amicus brief supporting Oklahoma. The Alabama Attorney General’s office authored the brief; other states signing on to the brief included Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. The State of Florida filed a separate friend-of-the-court brief in support of Oklahoma.

“This office joined a friend-of-the-court brief to urge the Justices to reject the delay tactics of death penalty opponents,” said Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman. “This case provides the state with important guidance regarding administration of the death penalty.”

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