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National Journal Hires Leah Askarinam as Editor of Hotline

Washington, D.C.; November 7, 2019 – National Journal and Editor in Chief Jeff Dufour today announced that Leah Askarinam will join the editorial team as Editor of Hotline and Hotline Wake-Up Call, two of National Journal’s most respected products, effective November 13, 2019. She replaces Kyle Trygstad.

Leah joins the editorial staff at National Journal as the organization celebrates its 50th year. In this prestigious role, she will oversee the production of Hotline and Hotline Wake-Up Call, which after decades, still remain the indispensable daily tip sheet for campaign professionals. In addition, Leah will write a regular column for National Journal Daily.

“As National Journal approaches its 50th anniversary, it continues its commitment to journalistic integrity and being a critical resource for government stakeholders across the nation,” Dufour said. “With Leah’s oversight and talent, we will reinforce Hotline and Hotline Wake-Up Call as the daily barometer of what’s happening in campaigns and elections across the country. We look forward to her editorial expertise in building content for our loyal readers.”

Askarinam comes to National Journal from Inside Elections, where she served as an analyst covering campaigns and politics. Prior to that she served as a political consultant for CBS News and a Contributor to FiveThirtyEight providing analysis on the 2018 primary and special elections. Leah returns to the Atlantic having served as an assistant editor on The Atlantic as well as a Chairman’s Lab Fellow in 2015. She started her career in education as a middle school English teacher with Teach for America.

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