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**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION NAMES MARSHALL CRODDY PRESIDENT
Longtime CRF Executive and Nationally Recognized Civic Education Leader Takes the Helm**

Los Angeles, January 23, 2013 – Following a rigorous search, the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) has named Marshall Croddy to be its President. Croddy assumes the position effective February 1, 2013.

“Our search uncovered a number of outstanding candidates but in the end the leadership answer was Marshall. He has played a vital role at CRF for many years. His breadth of knowledge and wealth of experience in both civic education and CRF programs and partners make him the ideal person to drive this organization forward,” said T. Warren Jackson, the current Chair of CRF’s Board of Directors and DirecTV’s Senior Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer.

Croddy has served as Vice President at CRF for the last 4 years and prior to that was Director of Programs. His responsibilities at CRF included program and publications development, fundraising, public relations and marketing. Among his significant accomplishments was the creation of the *Civic Action Project (CAP)*, a national model for online delivery of civics curriculum and the creation of *Active Citizenship Today (ACT)*, a framework for student civic participation, adopted as part of several states’ social studies standards.

Croddy has designed, edited and supervised the publications of hundreds of nationally recognized online and print resources, texts and educational materials on a variety of public policy, legal and historical subjects. His oversight of the CRF website design and content resulted in over 1.5 million visitors per year and a rating as a top web resource for teachers and students by the *Los Angeles Times* and *Finding Dulcinea, Librarian of the Internet*. In addition to his program and marketing responsibilities, Croddy has been responsible for creating several new funding initiatives for the organization.

He is the recipient of the first ever Roy Erickson Civic Leadership Award from the California Council for the Social Studies and the Isidore Starr Award for Excellence in Law-Related Education from the American Bar Association among others. Croddy received a degree in political science from the University of CA, Santa Barbara and a law degree from San Fernando Valley College of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1976.

“The board is excited about Marshall taking the helm of this 50 year old organization and look forward to his guidance in keeping CRF’s programs relevant, implementing our strategic plan and continuing CRF’s role as a national leader in educating our youth on the value of civics and community engagement,” states Robert Aronoff who chaired the CRF Transition Committee.

Croddy succeeds Jonathan Estrin who served as President since 2008. Estrin is leaving the position to become bi-coastal for family and professional reasons and graciously continued to serve as President until a successor was identified.

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) seeks to instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today.

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