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ACS Names New Executive Director

ACLU Legislative Director Caroline Fredrickson Brings Wealth of Experience To Group's Top Position

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The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy today announced Caroline Fredrickson, the director of the ACLU's Washington legislative office, as its new executive director.

"We could not ask for a better leader than Caroline Fredrickson to take ACS into its next stage of development and growth," said Goodwin Liu, Chair of the ACS Board of Directors and Associate Dean and Professor of law at UC Berkeley School of Law. "Caroline comes to ACS with tremendous experience in government and the nonprofit sector as well as expansive knowledge of the issues central to our mission at a time when those issues are receiving a new and more serious public focus.

"ACS has achieved remarkable success and stability in a short period of time," Liu continued. "Caroline will provide us with the vision and energy to build on this success, to deepen ACS's influence on legal and policy issues, and to strengthen a diverse and dynamic progressive legal network. The Board of Directors is unanimous in its enthusiasm for the leadership, intellect, and dynamism that Caroline will bring to ACS."

Since 2005, Fredrickson has been the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington Legislative Office, where she led the organization's efforts to promote its priorities in Congress, the White House and federal agencies. Her selection is the culmination of a thorough search process that began after the former ACS director Lisa Brown was selected by President Obama to be Assistant to the President and White House Staff Secretary. Since then, David Lyle, ACS's Deputy Director, has served as Acting Executive Director.

Fredrickson said she is looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities. "One of the many reasons I have long admired ACS is for its vital role in helping define the legal and policy terrain. By informing lawyers, policy makers, judges and students through its programming and growing chapter network, ACS is making a real difference in

generating ideas and shaping policy debates. With the changes in Washington, this role is even more critical.”

Prior to assuming leadership of the ACLU’s national legislative portfolio, Fredrickson served as General Counsel and Legal Director of NARAL Pro-Choice America. Before that, Fredrickson was Chief of Staff to Sen. Maria Cantwell and Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. During the Clinton administration, Fredrickson served as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs. She has been widely published and appears frequently in the media on topics including labor law, anti-discrimination law, and human and civil rights issues. She holds a law degree from Columbia and graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale.

Fredrickson will join ACS this summer.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is one of the nation’s leading progressive legal organizations, comprised of lawyers, judges, students and policy makers committed to promoting the vitality of the Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses. For more information about ACS, visit www.ACSLAW.org.