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The Equal Rights Center Taps New Communications and Outreach Manager

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 5, 2009 – Today the Equal Rights Center (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization—announced the appointment of a new Communications and Outreach Manager, Ashley N. White. Formerly the Deputy Press Secretary of the Children's Defense Fund, White will be responsible for executing the education, outreach, and communications goals of the ERC.

"We are very pleased to have Ashley White join the Equal Rights Center to lead our Communications and Outreach programs," said the ERC's Executive Director, Don Kahl. "Her experience advocating on behalf of children, and her extensive media experience will lend a strong voice to the ERC in our work to advance civil rights understanding and compliance both in D.C. and across the country."

"I am excited to join the Equal Rights Center and a team so dedicated to protecting civil rights in all of our nation's communities," said White. "I look forward to working to increase awareness concerning individual rights and ensure the ERC's voice is heard."

Prior to joining the ERC White spent three years managing media relations for the Children's Defense Fund on both the national and state levels. White also served in 2008 as Obama for America Press Secretary for Northern Nevada, as a Press Information Center media liaison at the 2008 Democratic National Convention, and was a press intern for U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee receiving her B.A. in Spanish and political science.

Established in 1983, the Equal Rights Center has spent more than 25 years protecting civil rights. The ERC is dedicated to identifying, challenging, and eliminating discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and government services through education, research, testing, counseling, enforcement and advocacy.