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Equal Rights Center Welcomes New Disability Rights Manager

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 7, 2010– Today the [Equal Rights Center](http://www.equalrightscenter.org) (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization—announced the appointment of a new Disability Rights Program Manager, Robyn Powell.

“The Equal Rights Center is very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Disability Rights Manager, Robyn Powell,” said the ERC’s Executive Director, Don Kahl. “Robyn’s experience and passion for furthering disability rights is great addition to the ERC. We look forward to Robyn being a strong and innovative leader of our Disability Rights Program.”

As Disability Rights Program Manager, Robyn Powell heads the ERC’s efforts to end discrimination against people with disabilities. Furthering this mission through a multifaceted approach, Powell is responsible for developing and coordinating disability-focused education and outreach, research, investigations and testing.

“As a person with a disability, I joined the efforts to advance equality early in life and have continuously sought new opportunities to engage in the disability rights movement,” said Powell. “I am thrilled to join the ERC and advance the mission to end discrimination against all.”

Powell comes to the ERC after spending most of her life and career in Boston. Powell most recently served as Assistant Director for Policy and Advocacy for the Disability Policy Consortium where she was responsible for a wide variety of programmatic, administrative, advocacy and outreach activities for the state-wide disability rights organization. Robyn previously served as Staff Attorney for Greater Boston Legal Services and was a legal intern for both the National Council on Disability and the Disability Law Center.

Powell holds a B.S. Degree in Social Work from Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

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About the Equal Rights Center (www.equalrightscenter.org)

Originally formed in 1983, the Equal Rights Center (ERC) is a national non-profit civil rights organization based in Washington, D.C. With members located in 33 states and the District of Columbia, the ERC works nationally to

promote equal opportunity in housing, employment, disability rights, immigrant rights, and access to public accommodations and government services for all protected classes under federal, state, and local laws.