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Equal Rights Center Taps New Development and Communications Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 2, 2011– The Equal Rights Center (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization—announced the appointment of a new Development Manager, Sean Maloney, and a new Communications and Outreach Associate, Hilary Tone.

“The Equal Rights Center is excited to have two outstanding advocates join in our mission to advance civil rights for all,” said the ERC’s Executive Director, Don Kahl. “As the ERC continues to grow, it is imperative that we ensure our voice is heard and that we further build relationships with supporters through strong communications and development initiatives. I am confident that Sean and Hilary will help the ERC reach even more individuals.”

In his role as Development Manager for the Equal Rights Center, Sean Maloney develops and implements the organization’s short- and long-term fundraising plans and activities in order to build philanthropy, diversify organizational resources and enhance the ability of the organization to fulfill its mission to eliminate discrimination. As Communications & Outreach Associate, Hilary Tone supports the ERC's media relations, website content and online communications, designs and edits publications and toolkits, coordinates membership, and develops educational trainings.

“I am very happy to join the ERC at an exciting time full of organizational growth and development,” said Maloney. “I look forward to working with the organization’s partners to build support so that the ERC can continue to grow and have a positive impact on communities across this nation.”

Prior to joining the ERC, Maloney served as the Director of Development and Operations for the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC), a national social justice organization advocating for and with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth to end discrimination against their community. Maloney previously served as the Director of Programming & Community Development for the LGBT Community Center of Central Pennsylvania. Maloney holds a Master of Social Work degree from Syracuse University and a B.S. from Binghamton University in New York.

Tone comes to the ERC after serving as the Communications Coordinator for Border Action Network, an Arizona-based human rights organization focused on immigrant rights issues across the state. Prior to her work with Border Action Network, Tone was a graduate consultant at the University of Southern California’s Writing Center, a researcher for Public Diplomacy

Magazine, an intern in the U.S. State Department Office of Press Relations, and a freelance writer. She holds a B.A. degree in Communication and Spanish Studies from Santa Clara University, and a Masters of Public Diplomacy from the University of Southern California.

“I am pleased to join an organization with such an important mission and that has the ability to improve the lives of many,” said Tone. “My work on the forefront of immigrant issues in Arizona gave me the skill set to strengthen the ERC’s voice and presence in the community.”

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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 46 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.