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**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION NAMES  
AMANDA SUSSKIND PRESIDENT  
Nationally Recognized Social Justice Leader  
Takes the Helm**

**Los Angeles, July 28, 2020** – Following a comprehensive and rigorous search, the Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) has named Amanda Susskind to be its President. Susskind assumes the position effective August 31.

***“Amanda’s years of civic engagement and experience in education on issues of social justice and equity make her the ideal steward of an organization designed to educate students, primarily in underserved areas, about what citizenship means, to empower them to be active participants in this democracy, and to amplify their voices in being thoughtful agents of change. We couldn’t be more excited to have Amanda lead us in this challenging, demanding, and critical time of our country,” states Kimberly Dunne, CRF’s Board Chair***

Susskind joins CRF following nearly two decades as the Los Angeles Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League where she oversaw a broad civil rights agenda encompassing anti-bias education and bullying prevention, Holocaust education, hate crime training for law enforcement, and constitutional rights such as free speech, separation of church and state, and equal protection.

Among her significant accomplishments were increasing the profile of ADL in Los Angeles, assembling civil rights and religious groups to promote ADL’s *Declaration of Los Angeles* calling upon lawmakers to denounce xenophobia in the immigration debate and creating *LA For Good*, a coalition of community leaders standing together to fight hate and create a more unified Los Angeles.

Susskind also created collaborations in the entertainment, sports, high tech, finance and fashion industries. She significantly increased foundation and corporate giving with co-branding partnerships and engagement opportunities.

Prior to ADL, Susskind served as a public and environmental law attorney. She was a partner at Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava & MacCuish and, before that, a shareholder at Richards, Watson & Gershon. She is the recipient of numerous honors and the author of several publications. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Hastings College of the Law.

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***"Right now there cannot be a more important moment for the Constitutional Rights Foundation's mission and programs, designed to teach youth about their responsibilities in a democracy and to empower them to participate in and improve the communities around them. With her skill set and leadership qualities, Amanda is uniquely positioned to lead CRF during this critical time in our democracy to educate generations of students to become well-informed, engaged, and active citizens," stated Peter Morrison, Chair, CRF Search Committee***

Since CRF's founding over 50 years ago, the organization has educated and empowered youth to uphold the ideals of democracy – equality, due process, justice for all -- equipping young people to think critically, to empathize, to hope, and most importantly to be agents of real change. CRF's free curriculum materials and programs such as Civic Action Project (CAP), Cops and Kids, Expanding Horizons Internship (EHI) and Mock Trial have assisted, educated and empowered hundreds of thousands of students and teachers in all 50 states.

Susskind succeeds Marshall Croddy who was a major contributor at CRF for over 40 years serving as President since 2013.

***"I am humbled to follow in Marshall's footsteps and honored to continue his legacy of dedication to creating the next generation of active and responsible citizens," said Susskind.  
"Our world depends on it."***

*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. For more information about CRF please refer to our website at [www.crf-usa.org](http://www.crf-usa.org)*

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