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(BOSTON) The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), a nonprofit with headquarters in Boston and an office in Washington, D.C., has appointed Richard Dubois as executive director, effective January 1, 2016. The organization works for economic justice for low-income and other disadvantaged people in the United States.

Dubois succeeds Willard Ogburn, who retired at the end of 2015, after 28 years as NCLC’s executive director.

“We are very pleased with our selection of Rich Dubois as NCLC’s new executive director,” said Michael Ferry, board president of NCLC. “After a nationwide search and review of several highly qualified candidates, we are convinced that Rich has the experience, skill, and insight to maintain NCLC at the top of its field, increase still further its impact and scope, and sustain its staff as they work to protect consumers and promote the common good.”

Dubois has been at NCLC for 18 years, having served as deputy director of NCLC and director of development and project planning. He began at NCLC as a staff attorney focusing on sustainable homeownership. Previously he was an attorney at the Center for Insurance Research in Cambridge, Mass. He earned a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan.

“I am honored to have been selected by the board for this position,” said Dubois. “I look forward to working with our exceptionally dedicated and talented staff as we fight for the rights of the most disadvantaged in our society. NCLC plays a critical role in the consumer financial marketplace for low-income people, and I am excited by the important work ahead.”

Also effective, as of January 1, 2016, Margaret Kohler was promoted to Chief Financial Officer (previously Business Director) and Carolyn Carter was promoted to Deputy Director (previously Director of Advocacy) at the organization.

Since 1969, the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) has used its expertise in consumer law and energy policy on behalf of low-income and other disadvantaged people, including older adults, in the United States. NCLC’s expertise includes policy analysis and advocacy; consumer law and energy publications; litigation; expert witness services, and training and advice for advocates. NCLC works with nonprofit and legal services organizations, private attorneys, policymakers, and federal and state government and courts across the nation to stop exploitative practices, help financially stressed families build and retain wealth, and advance economic fairness.

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