

The American Civil Rights Union

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William Otis Joins ACRU as Director of Legal Affairs

Washington, DC - The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) today announced that William G. Otis will join the organization as Director of Legal Affairs. The ACRU is a non-partisan legal policy organization dedicated to defending all the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, not just those that might be politically correct or fit a particular ideology.

Until recently, Mr. Otis was Counselor to the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. He served under both political parties as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. He was also a Special Counsel to President George H.W. Bush. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of Stanford Law School.

ACRU Policy Board Member and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III commented, "The ACRU is fortunate to have Bill Otis as its new spokesman. His extensive background in legal and law enforcement matters makes him an ideal champion of civil rights for all Americans."

Mr. Otis will be the ACRU's chief spokesman on its core activities. The ACRU monitors organizations that actively seek to undermine our inherent Constitutional liberties and actively pursues its mission in the Courts. The ACRU is currently engaged in several cases at the appellate level on issues involving First and Second Amendment rights.

"I am grateful and honored to become affiliated with the American Civil Rights Union. The foremost civil right our citizens enjoy is the right to live in peace and safety. The ACRU works to protect that right, mindful that America is the most benevolent nation the world has ever known, and that we need not apologize to our enemies for protecting ourselves and our values. Among the most important of those is freedom of thought, freedom of religion, the rule of law and respect for every innocent life. I look forward to helping the ACRU defend America's hard-won heritage," said Mr. Otis.

The ACRU was founded in 1998 by the late Robert B. Carleson who served as the chief architect of welfare reform to Ronald Reagan both as Governor of California and as President. Those setting ACRU policy as members of the Policy Board are former U.S. Attorney General, Edwin Meese III; former Solicitor General, Robert H. Bork; Pepperdine Law School Dean, Kenneth W. Starr; former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, William Bradford Reynolds; George Mason Law School Professor, Walter E. Williams; former Harvard University Professor, Dr. James Q. Wilson; Ambassador Curtin Winsor, Jr.; and Dean Emeritus of the UCLA Anderson School of Management, J. Clayburn LaForce.