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The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board is pleased to announce the selection of Sharon Bradford Franklin as Executive Director.

Sharon Bradford Franklin will be joining the PCLOB in late August/early September 2013 after having served since 2005 as Senior Counsel at The Constitution Project (TCP), a nonprofit legal watchdog group based in Washington, D.C. TCP brings together policy experts and legal practitioners from across the political spectrum to foster consensus-based solutions to challenging constitutional issues. Ms. Franklin has focused on TCP's Rule of Law Program, including issues of cybersecurity, government secrecy, individual privacy, and surveillance policies. She has worked principally with the Project's bipartisan Liberty and Security Committee, seeking to protect Americans' civil liberties as well as our nation's security. Ms. Franklin has been a member of the Cybersecurity Subcommittee for the DHS Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee (DPIAC) and a member of the Advisory Board for the Washington College of Law's Collaboration on Government Secrecy.

Before joining The Constitution Project, Ms. Franklin served as Executive Director of the Washington Council of Lawyers, a voluntary bar association whose mission is to promote pro bono and public interest law. Previously, she spent ten years as a civil rights lawyer. Ms. Franklin served as a Trial Attorney in the Housing & Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and she worked on civil rights policy matters as a Special Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission. She began her legal career as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Jane R. Roth, first in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware and then on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She graduated from Harvard College and Yale Law School.

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