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**SHERRILYN IFILL, DAVID RUBENSTEIN AND BRUCE VAN SAUN
JOIN NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Philadelphia (November 4, 2015) – The National Constitution Center has elected **Sherrilyn Ifill**, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., **David Rubenstein**, Co-Founder and Co-CEO of The Carlyle Group, and **Bruce Van Saun**, Chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group to its Board of Trustees. The new members were elected during the National Constitution Center’s October 26, 2015, board meeting.

“We are honored to that Sherrilyn, David and Bruce will be sharing their passion for constitutional education and civil dialogue as Board Members of the National Constitution Center,” said the National Constitution Center’s President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. “They have been longtime friends of the Center and each is superbly well qualified to help us advance our inspiring mission of educating students of all ages about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.”

Sherrilyn Ifill is the President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), the organization founded by civil rights lawyer (and later Supreme Court Justice) Thurgood Marshall. Ms. Ifill served as a fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union after graduating from New York University Law School, and then as an assistant counsel at the LDF from 1988-1993 where she litigated civil rights cases in the federal courts. She joined the faculty of University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, where she taught and litigated for 20 years, before returning to lead the LDF in 2013. Ms. Ifill is a prolific writer and scholar, whose work centers on issues of race and equal justice. She serves on the boards of the National Women’s Law Center, Equal Justice Works and on the Global Board of the Open Society Foundations.

David Rubenstein is a Co-Founder and Co-CEO of The Carlyle Group, one of the world’s largest private equity firms. He co-founded the firm in 1987. Since then, Carlyle has grown into a firm managing more than \$200 billion from 40 offices around the world. Prior to founding The Carlyle Group, he practiced law in Washington with Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge (now Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman). Previously, he served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments. From 1977-1981, during the Carter Administration, Mr. Rubenstein was Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

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Bruce Van Saun is Chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. He joined CFG in October 2013 after serving as RBS Group Finance Director and as an executive director of the RBS Board since 2009. Previously, he held a number of senior positions with Bank of New York and later Bank of New York Mellon, including Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer. Earlier in his career, he held senior positions with Deutsche Bank, Wasserstein Perella Group and Kidder Peabody & Co. He is currently a director of Lloyd's of London, and he previously served on a number of boards in both the United States and the U.K. He is a member of The Clearing House supervisory board, and is a fellow of the Foreign Policy Association. Active in efforts to enhance economic development, Van Saun serves as a director of Jobs for Massachusetts.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires active citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a non-partisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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