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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ELECTS ELLEN ALEMANY AND JEFF SHELL TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

***W. Joseph Duckworth, Stephen J. Harmelin, and William A. Slaughter Reinstated***

Philadelphia, PA (March 1, 2011) – The National Constitution Center has elected **Ellen Alemany**, Citizens Financial Group, Inc. Chairman and CEO, and **Jeff Shell**, Chairman of NBCUniversal International, to its Board of Trustees, which is chaired by former President William J. Clinton. **W. Joseph Duckworth, Stephen J. Harmelin, Esq.**, and **William A. Slaughter, Esq.** have been reinstated to the board for another term.

“As public focus on the Constitution becomes increasingly intense, the Constitution Center’s board sets the strategic direction and policy that will enable us to stay at the heart of the discussion,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. “Under Ellen’s leadership, Citizens Financial Group represents the finest in corporate citizenship, and its 'Good Banking is Good Citizenship' brand aligns perfectly with our mission. Jeff’s extensive experience in the media world gives the Center a strong advantage as we embark upon our first-ever comprehensive brand initiative. Joe, Steve, and Bill each have contributed enormously to the Center’s past successes and are fully engaged in tackling future opportunities. Altogether, our board continues to grow stronger and more engaged each year.”

**Ellen Alemany** is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and RBS Americas. She also is a member of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group’s Executive Committee, which is the RBS Group’s nine-member executive leadership team. Alemany is the only woman responsible for one of the top 12 commercial banking companies in the United States. In September 2010, she was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in *U.S. Banker’s* list of “The 25 Most Powerful

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Women in Banking.” In August 2009, *Forbes* magazine ranked her 57<sup>th</sup> on its annual list of the “World’s 100 Most Powerful Women.” Alemany joined RBS Americas in June 2007 from Citigroup, where she had been CEO for Global Transaction Services, one of Citi’s 12 publicly reported product lines. An active member of the community, Alemany serves on the board of the Center for Discovery and is a member of the Providence College Business Advisory Council.

**Jeff Shell** was named Chairman of NBCUniversal International in January 2011. Shell is responsible for overseeing the operations of all NBCUniversal International businesses, including International TV Distribution, Global Television Networks, and International Television Production. He also oversees, in partnership with their domestic leaders, CNBC International, International Theatrical Marketing and Distribution, International Home Entertainment, and International Theme Park Operations. Prior to joining NBCUniversal, Shell served as President of Comcast Programming Group, where he managed Comcast’s interests and investments in its national and regional television networks. Shell received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Economics and Applied Mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. He currently serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, and is an active leader in a number of organizations that are working on public school reform.

**W. Joseph Duckworth** is the Founding Partner of the Arcadia Land Company, a community developer and a leader in the creation of Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) communities in Pennsylvania. Under Duckworth’s leadership, Arcadia’s Sadsbury Park received Smart Growth Awards from the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance, and Arcadia’s Woodmont won the Montgomery County Planning Commission Recognition. He was named “National Builder of the Year” by *Professional Builder Magazine*. Duckworth was a member of the Chester County Planning Commission and served as its Chair for the most recent three years of his term. He has served on the Boards of the Natural Lands Trust, the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Design, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, and The Franklin Institute. Duckworth has a Bachelor of Science degree from Carnegie Mellon University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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**Stephen J. Harmelin**, is co-chairman of Dilsworth Paxson LLP, and has extensive experience in corporate law, securities, and financial transactions, and represents various governmental and non-profit entities. In 2007 and 2008, he served as the Receiver *ad litem* appointed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to recover damages for investors in a \$250 million hedge fund fraud. The \$170 million recovery was the CFTC's largest at that time. Harmelin is engaged in various civic and charitable activities, serving on the Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Legal Foundation, as Chairman of the Thomas Skelton Harrison Foundation, and as a Trustee of the Barnes Foundation.

**William A. Slaughter** is a partner at Ballard Spahr, LLP, a national law firm headquartered in Philadelphia, where he serves as Chairman of the firm's litigation department. He also is the firm's General Counsel and a member of its Management Committee. Slaughter's law practice specializes in commercial litigation and in insolvency proceedings involving financially troubled companies in telecommunications, real estate development and syndication, health care, insurance, manufacturing and companies burdened with the defense of mass tort litigation. He regularly represents banks and other financial institutions in defense of lender liability and other litigation across the country. Slaughter also serves on the boards of directors of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his law degree from Yale Law School.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising." The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).