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Robert Dunham to Leave Death Penalty Information Center After 8 Years as Executive Director Board Names Richard Dieter as Interim Director

(Washington, D.C.) Death Penalty Information Center Executive Director Robert Dunham will be leaving DPIC after eight years at its helm, the organization’s Board of Directors announced today. He will be replaced on interim basis by former Executive Director Richard Dieter.

“We wish to express our deep gratitude to Rob for his vision and leadership over the past eight years and our best wishes in his future endeavors,” said Board President George Kendall. “We are also elated that Dick is able and willing to step in to ensure a smooth transition.”

Dieter, who previously served as DPIC’s Executive Director from 1992 to 2015, reassumes the post today. Dunham will transition to a role as Senior Policy Analyst while completing work on a variety of research and writing projects.

Dunham became Executive Director in March 2015. During his tenure, DPIC produced groundbreaking reports on execution secrecy and race and the U.S. death penalty, modernized its award-winning website, and assembled its Death Penalty Census of more than 9,700 death sentences imposed in the U.S. in the past fifty years – the most extensive database of its kind. “It has been an honor to serve as DPIC’s Executive Director,” Dunham said. “It’s the best job I’ve ever had. I look forward to working with Dick again and, after taking some time off to recharge my batteries, to remaining active in death penalty policy matters.”

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