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PsychRights Appoints First Executive Director

As another step in its campaign to end unwarranted court ordered psychiatric drugging against people diagnosed with mental illness, the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights, PsychRights®, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bruce Whittington as its Executive Director.

PsychRights is a 501(c)(3) non-governmental organization formed to undertake a coordinated, strategic effort to use the law to end the inhumane practices of forced psychiatric drugging and electroshock in the United States.

As of December 15, 2006, Bruce Whittington has taken responsibility for organizing and directing the work of PsychRights in mounting its campaign of strategic litigation, working with other groups and individuals in establishing a nation-wide network of resources, and developing a strategy for sustainable funding.

Jim Gottstein, President and CEO of PsychRights, said: "Bruce's role is key to taking our campaign to a new level of activity and giving PsychRights the national scope we need. His appointment is a huge step for our legal campaign, dramatically improving our ability to work with others in promoting psychiatric rights and ending the horror of court-ordered psychiatric drugging."

Bruce has extensive experience as an activist promoting the rights of people labeled mentally ill. He has a solid background in human rights promotion, having worked as a consultant to government agencies and NGOs, and as the Yukon Territory's human rights officer.

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