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OCWR Announces the Appointment of Martin J. Crane as Executive Director

The Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (OCWR) is pleased to announce the appointment of Martin J. Crane as its Executive Director.

Mr. Crane previously served as the OCWR's Deputy Executive Director, where he was the principal legal advisor to the Board of Directors on cases falling within its appellate jurisdiction. Prior to joining the OCWR, Mr. Crane was Chief Counsel to the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board. He also worked for more than 15 years in the private sector practicing labor and employment law. He received his law degree from the George Washington University Law School and an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"The Board of Directors is excited to have Martin serve as the OCWR's Executive Director as we continue our work to ensure that the legislative branch serves as a model workplace," said OCWR Board Chair Barbara Childs Wallace.

"It has been a great privilege to work with the OCWR's dedicated staff since 2017, and I look forward to serving as its Executive Director," Mr. Crane stated. "We remain united and focused on our mission to ensure that the congressional workplace is free from discrimination and harassment, is safe and accessible, and offers equal employment opportunities for all."

The Congressional Accountability Act (CAA) established the OCWR as a nonpartisan, independent, and neutral office to educate the workforce in the legislative branch, administer a dispute resolution program, and enforce the CAA. For more information, please visit <u>ocwr.gov</u> and follow the OCWR on Instagram, LinkedIn, and Threads.