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### NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART NAMES

#### ELIZABETH CROOG AS SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL

Washington, D.C. – National Gallery of Art director Earl A. Powell III has announced the appointment of Elizabeth A. Croog as secretary and general counsel of the National Gallery of Art. Croog succeeds Philip C. Jessup Jr., who retired at the end of July.

“The trustees and I are very pleased that Elizabeth Croog has accepted the position of secretary and general counsel. We are fortunate to have someone with her dedication and expertise to ensure that the Gallery will continue to have the finest legal counsel and representation available,” said Powell.

Born in Rochester, New York, Croog has more than thirty years of legal experience. She began her legal career in the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, as attorney for the federal welfare programs. She has been with the Gallery for 26 years, most recently as deputy secretary and deputy general counsel.

Croog received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and her law degree from Harvard Law School, and is admitted to practice before the bars of New York, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Croog lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with her husband, Dr. Hans K. Varmer.

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