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Alexandria, VA, Attorney David Smith Elected to Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Aug. 10, 2011) – Alexandria, VA, attorney David Smith was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association’s 53rd Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo., on Aug 6. He serves as the Chair of NACDL’s Forfeiture Committee, as the Fourth Circuit Vice Chair on NACDL’s Amicus Committee, and as a member of the DoJ Dialog Committee. Smith has recently moderated and participated on panels with NACDL on the subject of Litigating Pre-Trial Restraint of Assets.

A defense attorney working primarily in federal felony criminal defense and federal forfeiture/restitution defense, Smith testified before the House Subcommittee on Crime in April 2008 in opposition to S. 973, the Restitution for Victims of Crime Act, a law that threatened to freeze defendants’ assets in cases where the government alleged they might be needed to satisfy a restitution order obtained at sentencing. The Senate bill was killed in the House Subcommittee. He also submitted a much-quoted amicus brief on behalf of the NACDL in the case of *United States v. Nacchio*, 573 F.3d 1062 (10th Cir. 2009), clarifying the definition of “proceeds” in a major federal forfeiture statute. Smith is the author of the leading, two-volume treatise on forfeiture law and practice, *Prosecution and Defense of Forfeiture Cases* (Matthew Bender 2011).

Smith is licensed to practice law in Virginia and the District of Columbia, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits, the United States District Courts in Virginia and the District of Columbia, and the Virginia Supreme Court. He received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1970 and his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1976.

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