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Richmond Lawyer Steven D. Benjamin Sworn as President-Elect of Nation's Top Criminal Defense Bar

DENVER, CO (Aug. 6, 2011) – Richmond, Va. attorney Steven D. Benjamin was sworn in as President-Elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at its 53rd Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, today. Benjamin has previously served the Association as first- and second vice-president, treasurer, and secretary and several terms on the Board of Directors.

The President-Elect serves a one-year term and is automatically elevated to President of the Association the following year. Benjamin will serve as NACDL's President during the 2012-13 term.

Benjamin is an attorney in private practice with the Richmond, Va. firm of Benjamin & DesPortes. In addition to his private practice, he serves as Special Counsel to the Virginia Senate Courts of Justice Committee and to the Virginia State Crime Commission. He is a member of the Virginia Board of Forensic Science and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. A Past President of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, Benjamin is a 2003 recipient of the Virginia State Bar's Lewis F. Powell Pro Bono Award and is a frequent national lecturer on criminal justice.

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The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is the preeminent organization advancing the mission of the criminal defense bar to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime or wrongdoing. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's 12,000-plus direct members in 28 countries – and 90 state, provincial and local affiliate organizations totaling more than 40,000 attorneys – include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness and promoting a rational and humane criminal justice system.

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