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## **Richmond, Va. Lawyer Steven D. Benjamin Elected Vice President of Nation's Top Criminal Defense Organization**

**Washington, DC** (Aug. 13, 2009) – Richmond, Va. attorney Steven D. Benjamin was sworn in as Second Vice President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, on Aug. 8. Benjamin had previously served on the Association's Executive Committee as NACDL Treasurer, Secretary and on the Board of Directors.

Steven D. 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. He is a Past President of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. He is a 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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