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Jackson, Miss., Attorney Ray C. Carter Installed on Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Aug. 25, 2009) – Jackson, Miss., attorney Ray C. Carter was installed on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 51st Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., this month. Carter was one of the two designees of NACDL's Council of Affiliates sworn in to serve on NACDL Board of Directors. He is the Immediate Past President of the Mississippi Public Defenders Association.

Since 2001, Carter has been a trial attorney with the Office of Capital Defense Counsel in Jackson, Miss., which handles only capital murder cases. In approximately 95% of their cases, Carter and his colleagues at the Office of Capital Defense Counsel, have successfully avoided death verdicts. Currently, Carter is lead trial attorney for the defense in *State of Mississippi v. Curtis Flowers*.

Prior to practicing as a criminal defense attorney, Carter practiced personal injury law with State Farm Insurance in Houston, Tex., and with Isaac Byrd and Associates in Jackson, Miss. Carter was exposed to and trained in criminal law by attorney and State Senator Johnny Walls, of Walls and Assoc. in Greenville, Miss., upon returning to Mississippi in February of 1992.

Carter is a 1978 graduate of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Miss. and a 1982 graduate of Thurgood Marshall Law School at Texas Southern University in Houston, Tex.

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