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## **Leesburg, Va., Attorney Bonnie H. Hoffman Elected to Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.**

**Washington, DC** (Aug. 25, 2009) – Leesburg, Va., Deputy Public Defender Bonnie H. Hoffman was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., this month. Hoffman, who is Indigent Defense, Felony, Misdemeanor, Juvenile and Death Penalty Certified by the Virginia State Bar, has been a member of NACDL since 1997.

After clerking for Hon. James E. Bradberry, Magistrate Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Hoffman joined the Office of the Public Defender, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Leesburg, Va. in 1995 as an Assistant Public Defender. A 1999 recipient of the Phillip Sadler Award for Excellence in Public Defense, Hoffman went on to become Deputy Public Defender for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in 2001 and serves in that role to this day.

Hoffman is a frequent faculty member, lecturer and coach at a range of programs addressing matters from trial strategy and public defender office hiring to choosing a career in indigent defense.

Hoffman received her B.A. with distinction in Political and Social Thought from the University of Virginia in 1991 and her J.D., also with distinction, from George Mason University School of Law in 1994.

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