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## **Judge Lewis A. Kaplan Presented with Judicial Recognition Award by National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers**

**Washington, DC** (September 2, 2009) –U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan (S.D.N.Y.) received the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Judicial Recognition Award at its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass. last month. NACDL presents the award to acknowledge judges who demonstrate a continuing dedication to protecting democratic principles and the fundamental rights of individuals within American society.

Judge Kaplan’s extensive civic and professional involvements and achievements are well known. A prolific writer and speaker, Judge Kaplan was the keynote speaker at NACDL’s 2007 Annual White Collar Seminar, co-sponsored in 2007 with Georgetown Law Center. He was also the keynote speaker at the Federal Bar Council’s Law Day Dinner this year, delivering an address entitled *Wrongful Convictions and the Right to Counsel*.

Earlier this year, Judge Kaplan was selected for the Learned Hand Medal for excellence in federal jurisprudence by Federal Bar Council. Named one of *The Best Lawyers in America*, Judge Kaplan, a former associate and partner at the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, is an elected and life member of the American Law Institute and an elected member and judicial fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge Kaplan received his A.B. with high honors in political science in 1966 from the University of Rochester and his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1969. Upon graduating from Harvard law School, Judge Kaplan clerked for Hon. Edward M. McEntee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

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