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Houston Attorney Jim E. Lavine elected President-Elect of the National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Aug. 11, 2009) – Houston attorney Jim E. Lavine was sworn in as President -Elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the association's 51st Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., on Aug. 8. Mr. Lavine also serves as Chair of the Steering Committee for NACDL's Capital Campaign and previously served as First Vice President and Parliamentarian of NACDL.

A former prosecutor in Chicago, Ill., and Houston, Tex., Mr. Lavine is a criminal defense lawyer with extensive trial and appellate level experience in federal and state courts. In 2007, Jim Lavine received the *Robert C. Heeney Memorial Award*, NACDL's most prestigious honor, given annually to the one criminal defense lawyer who best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association and the legal profession. In 2006, Mr. Lavine was the Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year, awarded by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, as well as the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association 2006 Attorney of the Year. He graduated from Williams College and the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago Kent College of Law. Mr. Lavine is admitted to practice in both Texas and Illinois.

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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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