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## **Philadelphia, Pa. Attorney Theodore Simon Elected Secretary of Nation's Top Criminal Defense Organization**

**Washington, DC** (Sept. 17, 2009) – Philadelphia, Pa., attorney Theodore Simon was sworn in as Secretary of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., in August. Simon is an attorney in private practice in Philadelphia, Pa., where he has based a local, national and international practice for the last 35 years. He has obtained reversals in the U.S. Supreme Court and in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

In addition to representing individuals and corporations in state and federal proceedings, Simon is a leading authority on the application of prisoner transfer treaties and the representation of Americans abroad, achieving remarkable success in obtaining the transfer of numerous foreign nationals and has successfully defended international extradition requests. A frequent speaker at legal seminars across the nation on a wide variety of pre-trial, trial, sentencing, and post-trial criminal law issues, Simon has made numerous appearances on The Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, ABC's 20/20, Primetime, NBC's Dateline, Larry King Live, Court TV, Geraldo Live, Crossfire, and The Abrams Report (as well all of the major networks and cable). Immediately following the 2000 presidential election, Mr. Simon hosted his own daily cable TV show, which analyzed various, current legal issues.

Selected by his peers and included in a Philadelphia Magazine's "Best Lawyers in Philadelphia" edition, Simon's clients have included Michael Fay (Singapore caning), Ira Einhorn (French extradition), Alain Robert, (climber of skyscrapers); Don King; Tranda Wecker ("Internet birth mom"); Robert Durst; and, recently, Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones (civil defense).

An NACDL member since 1980, he previously served on the Association's Board of

Directors from 1993-99 and from 2004 until this year. He also served as a Co-Chair of NACDL's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Event and on the Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign for the Foundation for Criminal Justice. His service in both of those roles was recognized by two of his many NACDL presidential commendations. Among Simon's numerous other leadership roles at NACDL are his tenure as Co-Chair of NACDL's International Affairs Committee, his service on the NACDL Budget Committee, his authorship of the "Tips and Tactics" column for *The Champion*, and his instrumental roles on a broad range of NACDL task forces over the years.

Simon is a 1971 graduate of American University and a 1974 graduate of Temple University Law School.

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