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## **Steven D. Benjamin installed on Board of Directors of nation's top criminal defense organization**

Washington D.C. — Steven D. Benjamin of Richmond, Va., was sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at its annual meeting in San Francisco July 31.

Currently, Benjamin serves as vice-chair of NACDL's Indigent Defense Committee, chair of the Litigation Subcommittee and co-chair of the Forensic Evidence Committee. For the 2004-2005 term, he will serve as IDC co-chair.

In addition to his work at NACDL, Benjamin also is a founding member and current president of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, an adjunct professor of law teaching Scientific Evidence, and a member of a newly-created state agency, the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. He also serves as an advisory board member to the Virginia Innocence Commission.

In 2003 Benjamin was the recipient of the Virginia State Bar Lewis F. Powell, Jr. *Pro Bono* Award.

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