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Barbara Bergman sworn in as first vice president of nation's top criminal defense organization

Washington D.C. -- Barbara Bergman was installed as first vice president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers last week at their annual meeting in Denver. Previously, Bergman has served as second vice president, treasurer, secretary, and board member. She has also chaired the NACDL Budget Committee and Investment Committee and co-chaired the *Amicus Curiae* Committee. She received NACDL's top member award, the *Robert C. Heeney Award*, in 2000 for her outstanding service to the criminal defense bar.

Bergman previously worked as a public defender in Washington, D.C., and became a professor of law at the University of New Mexico Law School in 1987, where she continues to work. At UNM, Bergman teaches a felony public defender clinic and continues to take criminal cases. In 2000, Bergman began serving on the defense team for Terry Nichols in the state capital prosecution in Oklahoma. She has also co-authored books to aid criminal defense attorneys in their practice.

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The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is the preeminent organization in the United States advancing the mission of the nation's criminal defense lawyers to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime or wrongdoing. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's more than 10,500 direct members, and 75-plus state and local affiliate organizations with another 28,000 members, include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, active-duty military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness within America's criminal justice system.

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