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Joshua L. Dratel joins board of directors of nation's top criminal defense organization

Washington D.C. -- At the annual meeting of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers last week in Denver, Joshua L. Dratel, a New York defense attorney, was sworn in as a member of the NACDL board of directors.

Dratel, a life member of the organization, serves as the co-chair of the NACDL *Amicus Curiae* Committee. In addition, he has served as vice president of the New York Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and as chair of the NYACDL Amicus Committee. He received the NACDL President's Commendation in 2001.

Dratel is a graduate of Columbia College and Harvard Law School. In the past, he represented Wadih El-Hage, convicted for his part in the 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and Anthony Casso, a former underboss in a Mafia crime family.

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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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