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J. Cheney Mason installed on Board of Directors of nation's top criminal defense organization

Washington D.C. — J. Cheney Mason of Orlando, Fla., 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.

Mason has previously served as co-chair of NACDL's Membership Committee. Under his leadership, the association's membership grew from under 9,000 to over 11,000 members. He has also served on the executive committee, and was appointed as a delegate to the United Nations on behalf of NACDL as a non-governmental organization in Vienna, Austria.

Mason is the 2004 recipient of the *Robert C. Heeney Award* for his outstanding service to the criminal defense bar, NACDL's most prestigious award.

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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 11,200 direct members — and 84 state and local affiliate organizations with another 30,000 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.