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## **Jeralyn E. Merritt assumes position as treasurer of nation's top criminal defense organization**

Washington D.C.—Jeralyn E. Merritt, a criminal defense attorney in Denver, CO, was sworn in as treasurer of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the organization's annual meeting last week in Denver.

A life member of the NACDL, Merritt has a long tradition of active service to the organization, including six years on the board of directors as well as co-chair of the NACDL Legislative, Innocence Project and Internet Committees. She served as secretary of the organization last year. Merritt was the regular author of the "Legislation" column in *The Champion* magazine for five years and received the first annual *Marshall Stern Award* for Outstanding Legislative Achievement in 1995.

Merritt is a lecturer in law at Denver University's College of Law teaching "Wrongful Convictions" and "Criminal Defense," and is a frequent lecturer at NACDL and other legal education seminars. She has active leadership roles in the American Board of Criminal Lawyers, the Martindale Hubbell-Lexis-Nexis Legal Advisory Board and the ABA Criminal Justice Section.

A legal analyst since 1996, Merritt frequently appears on the Fox News Channel, CNN, and MSNBC. She is also the creator of [www.crimelynx.com](http://www.crimelynx.com) and [www.talkleft.com](http://www.talkleft.com), Internet resources for criminal defense lawyers and journalists covering crime-based news and politics.

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