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Cincinnati lawyer sworn in as President of Nation's largest criminal defense organization

Miami, Fla. (July 29) — Martin S. Pinales, founding partner of the Cincinnati law firm of Sirkin, Pinales & Schwartz LLP, was installed as President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for 2006-07 at the Association's Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida. Pinales was sworn in by U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke of the Southern District of Florida. Over the last several years he has served on the Association's board of directors and executive committee.

The Washington D.C.-based 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 13,000 direct members — and 90 state and local affiliate organizations with another 35,000 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.

Pinales has been active in the NACDL since joining in 1977. He has served on numerous committees and for the last 20 years has co-chaired the Lawyers Assistance Strike Force, which provides emergency representation for criminal defense lawyers threatened with contempt of court for zealous representation of their clients. Pinales also served as the NACDL representative to the U.S. Judicial Conference Defender Services Committee.

Pinales was sworn in by U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke of Miami. Judge Cooke was the first African-American woman to be appointed to the federal bench in the state of Florida.

Pinales holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati and the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He is a co-founder of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Association, and is also practitioner-adviser to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. In addition, Pinales is a member of the National Criminal Defense College faculty and has served as an adjunct instructor at numerous colleges of law.

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