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## **Barry Scheck installed as president of nation's top criminal defense organization**

Washington, D.C. -- Barry C. Scheck, a law professor in New York City, was sworn in as president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the organization's annual meeting July 31, in San Francisco. Last year, Scheck served as president-elect.

A life member of the NACDL, Scheck is a professor and director of clinical legal education at Cardozo School of Law and is nationally known for litigation work that has set standards for the forensic use of DNA testing. A graduate of Yale University and University of California at Berkeley's Boalt School of Law, Scheck is the co-founder and co-director of the Cardozo School of Law Innocence Project, which has been involved in the exonerations of 131 prisoners through post-conviction DNA testing.

Scheck is a commissioner on New York's Forensic Science Review Board and serves on the board of directors of the National Institute of Justice's Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. He is co-chair of the NACDL's DNA Task Force and in 1996, received the NACDL's prestigious *Robert C. Heeney Award* for his contributions to the association.

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