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Baltimore, MD, Attorney Paul DeWolfe Elected to Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Aug. 11, 2011) – Baltimore, MD, attorney Paul DeWolfe was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 53rd Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo., on Aug 6. He is a former President and a long time Board Member of the Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association and has worked with NACDL, and others, on criminal justice issues including drug courts and specialty courts, indigent defense, and training programs for public defenders and assigned counsel.

As the Public Defender for the State of Maryland, DeWolfe oversees 535 attorneys handling over 215,000 cases per year at all levels, including juvenile, misdemeanor, felony and appeals. He previously worked as District Public Defender for Montgomery County Maryland and, working as a trial lawyer both in public practice and for the Public Defender's office, has tried cases at all levels from juvenile and misdemeanors to capital murder. In 2004, he was elected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, marking the first time this honor had been bestowed upon a public defender in Maryland. In 2008, DeWolfe was awarded the Joseph P. Curran Award for the Distinguished Government/Public Interest Lawyer by the Maryland Bar Foundation.

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The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is the preeminent organization advancing the mission of the criminal defense bar to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime or wrongdoing. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's 10,000-plus direct members in 28 countries – and 90 state, provincial and local affiliate organizations totaling more than 40,000 attorneys – include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness and promoting a rational and humane criminal justice system.

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