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New York, N.Y., Attorney Melinda M. Sarafa Elected to Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Aug. 15, 2011) – New York, N.Y., attorney Melinda M. Sarafa 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. She is a member of NACDL’s White Collar Committee.

A former Assistant Federal Public Defender and current solo defense practitioner, Sarafa also serves on the Criminal Justice Act Panel of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, representing individuals who cannot afford counsel. She has taught a criminal law seminar of the Cornell University Summer Pre-Law Program and worked as an instructor in Cardozo Law School’s Intensive Trial Advocacy Program for several years. Between 2005 and 2008, she served on the Criminal Advocacy Committee of New York City Bar.

Sarafa is licensed to practice law in New York and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York, the Eastern District of New York, and the Southern District of Texas, as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second and Fifth Circuits. She received her A.B. *summa cum laude* from Princeton University in 1989 and her J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School in 1995, where she was Senior Article Editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. She served as a law clerk to Judge Carolyn Dineen King of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and for Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

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