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New York Attorney Rick Jones Installed as Parliamentarian of National Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Washington, DC (Aug. 25, 2011) – Rick Jones of New York, New York, was appointed to be Parliamentarian of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 53rd Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo., on Aug. 6. Mr. Jones had previously served NACDL on its Board of Directors and as co-chair of both the Indigent Defense Committee and the NACDL Special Task Force on Problem-Solving Courts. He currently serves on several NACDL committees, including the newly created Task Force on the Restoration of Rights and Status After Conviction.

Rick Jones is the executive director and a founding member of the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem (NDS), a community-based, holistic public defense firm. Over the past 20 years, he has represented a wide range of Harlem residents in state and federal, criminal and civil courts. He is a Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia Law School and a member of the faculty at the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia.

Jones was selected as a Leadership New York Coro Fellow and served as an expert on the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's yearlong Race and Criminal Justice Reform Initiative. He also serves on the Editorial Board of the *Amsterdam News* and on the Board of Directors of both the Sirius Foundation in New York and the New York State Defenders Association in Albany.

Jones is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Rutgers Law School. He is licensed to practice law in New York.

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