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Hernandez installed as President of Nation's largest criminal defense bar



San Francisco, CA. (August 4) – **Carmen D. Hernandez**, a federal criminal practitioner in Washington, D.C., was sworn in as President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) August 4, at the Association's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Hernandez has previously served as President-Elect and 1st Vice President, and as a member of the Board of Directors. She has also chaired the NACDL Continuing Legal Education Committee and co-chaired the Federal Sentencing Committee.

Hernandez is a nationally-recognized expert on the federal sentencing guidelines and the author of numerous articles on the ins and outs of federal sentencing practice. A former federal public defender in Maryland, she received NACDL's top member honor, the *Robert C. Heeney Award*, in 2003 for her outstanding service to the criminal defense bar, as well as the Champion of the Constitution Award from the Federal Defenders.

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.

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