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## Richard S. Jaffe joins board of directors of nation's top criminal defense organization

Washington D.C. — Richard S. Jaffe, a defense attorney in Birmingham, was sworn in as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the annual meeting last week in Denver.

Jaffe's service to the organization includes membership on the Death Penalty Committee. He has previously served as president of the Greater Birmingham Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In addition, Jaffe was the recipient of the ACDLA Roderick Beddow Lifetime Achievement Award & Clarence Darrow Award in 1994. He is a National Board of Trial Advocacy certified criminal advocate and a life member of the NACDL.

A graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama Law School, Jaffe is a senior partner of the firm Jaffe, Strickland and Drennan. Most recently, he was appointed to represent Eric Rudolph, charged with the bombing of an abortion clinic.

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The 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 more than 10,500 direct members, and 75-plus state and local affiliate organizations with another 28,000 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.