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## Phoenix Attorney Ken Murray elected to Board of Directors of the National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

WASHINGTON, DC (Aug. 15, 2008) – Phoenix attorney Ken Murray was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the association's 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this month.

Mr. Murray is a criminal defense lawyer with extensive experience in federal and state courts. He is currently an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Capital Habeas Unit in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona, having left behind a private criminal defense practice of thirteen years. He has been involved in death penalty defense for over 20 years and has represented defendants in capital cases in trial, appellate, post-conviction and habeas proceedings in numerous state and federal jurisdictions. Murray argued the death penalty appeal in *Schriro v. Summerlin* (2004) before the Supreme Court of the United States and has written numerous articles on criminal defense issues.

He is currently the Chair of the NACDL Mental Health Committee and serves as a Field Instructor for the Arizona State University School of Social Work. He also lectures at criminal defense and death penalty defense training programs throughout the country. During his tenure as the Gary Schweickhart Chair Professor at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, he taught an advanced criminal litigation class on Death Penalty Defense. In addition to his Juris Doctor, Murray holds degrees in Social Welfare (B.A.) and Psychology (M.A.).

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