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Jim E. Lavine Named Parliamentarian, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Washington, DC, (Aug. 4, 2008) – Jim E. Lavine, name partner in the Houston, Tex., law firm of Zimmermann, Lavine, Zimmermann & Samson, PC, was appointed Parliamentarian of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the Associations 50th Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, WI, Aug. 2. Lavine previously served a one-year term as Parliamentarian 2006-07.

A 1974 graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago Kent College of Law in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Lavine was the association's Parliamentarian for 2006-07. Mr. Lavine is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a former director of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, a former President of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers. He has been board certified in criminal law since 1985 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and since 1986 by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Mr. Lavine has been named a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly magazine in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Mr. Lavine was one of two lawyers named "Attorney(s) of the Year" for 2005-2006 by the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association and one of two also named as the Outstanding Lawyers in the state for 2005-2006 by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

For several years, he represented former Enron Broadband chief financial officer Kevin Howard, whose convictions for fraud, conspiracy and false bookkeeping were thrown out by the trial court last year. Mr. Lavine also has acted as lead counsel and co-counsel in numerous other high profile cases including the reversal on a writ of *habeas corpus* of a triple death penalty case in Oklahoma in which the charges were later dismissed; a complex white-collar case in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, finding that the district judge's finding of fact was clearly erroneous, reversed the conviction and ordered the charges dismissed; and a case involving a Duke Energy executive charged with nineteen counts of conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud, and falsifying

books and records in which the defendant was acquitted on seven counts and twelve counts were dismissed after the jury deadlocked.

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