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## **Washington, DC Attorney Geneva Vanderhorst elected to Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.**

WASHINGTON, DC (Oct. 17, 2008) – Washington, DC, attorney Geneva Vanderhorst 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, Wis.

Ms. Vanderhorst is a criminal defense lawyer with her own practice in Washington, DC. Prior to opening her practice, she was a judicial law clerk in D.C. Superior Court, a Dean Scholar Instructor at George Mason University School of Law and a Howard T. Brooke Fellow in the Office of the Public Defender in Alexandria Virginia.

Vanderhorst serves as co-vice chair of NACDL's Indigent Defense Committee and is a member of both the NACDL's Long-Range Planning Committee and its Diversity Task Force. She is the President of the Charlotte E. Ray American Inns of Court, Vice President of the D.C. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a board member of the Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association. Vanderhorst is also a member of the National Bar Association and the Greater Washington Area Chapter of the Washington Bar Association.

She is a 1992 graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, elected to both the University's and the National Dean's List. She went on to George Mason University School of Law (GMUSL) in Arlington, Virginia, where she was published in, and served as Articles Editor of, the GMUSL Civil Rights Law Journal. Vanderhorst was also the third-seated graduate of the Class of 2002 at the Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC, and received the school's Dean's Award and Durley Award as was published in her capacity as a Faith Leaders Initiative Fellow.

Vanderhorst is the second African American woman to serve on the NACDL Board of Directors.

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