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Macon Federal Defender Is President-Elect Of Nation's Top Criminal Defense Organization

Washington, D.C. (Aug. 4, 2008) – Macon, Ga., Federal Community Defender Stephen R. Glassroth was sworn in as President-Elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers August 2 at the Association's Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. The President-Elect serves as the Association's leader when the President is unavailable and the term in office is one year. Previously, Glassroth has served as the Association's First and Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and as a member of its Board of Directors for six years. From 1995 to 1996, as a private attorney in Birmingham, he was president of the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, an NACDL state affiliate organization.

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 12,000+ direct members — and 90 state and local affiliate organizations with memberships totaling more than 40,000 attorneys — include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness within America's criminal justice system.

Glassroth is an accomplished criminal defense lawyer, often noted for handling colorful and controversial cases. He won a first of its kind federal court victory in 2004, defending his client's First and Sixth Amendment right to utilize a Web site seeking information on cooperating witnesses in a marijuana distribution case. Previously, he was counsel for a key witness in the public corruption trial of former Ala. Gov. Don Siegelman. In addition to his professional accomplishments, he was also the named plaintiff in the now-famous "Ten Commandments Case," *Glassroth v. Moore*, which resulted in the removal from office of Alabama's Chief Justice for his refusal to obey a federal court order directing removal of the monument from the rotunda of the state's judicial building.

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In 2006, Glassroth was chosen as Executive Director of Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc. to open the first federal defender office in the Middle District of Georgia.

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