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Solano County, Calif., Attorney Jeffrey E. Thoma Installed on Board of Directors of National Criminal Defense Bar Assn.

Washington, DC (Sept. 3, 2009) – Solano County, Calif., attorney Jeffrey E. Thoma was installed on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 51st Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass., in August. Thoma was one of the two designees of NACDL's Council of Affiliates sworn in to serve on NACDL Board of Directors. He has been the coordinator of NACDL's Annual Forensics Program since its inception.

Jeffrey E. Thoma is the Public Defender for Solano County, Calif., where for five years he has directed a staff of 53 attorneys and 86 employees in an office with an annual workload of over 29,000 new cases. Previously, for over seven years, Thoma served as the Public Defender for Mendocino County, Calif., and as a member of that county's Drug Court Management Team.

Thoma has counseled drug court programs nationwide and has been a guest speaker at the Annual National Drug Court Conference. In addition, for several years, Thoma has served on the faculty of the National Comprehensive Drug Court Defense Counsel Training Program.

Thoma has appeared before the United States, California, and Nevada Supreme Courts; and has specialized in capital litigation and DNA cases for over the past twenty years. From 1996-2001, he served as a commissioner on the United States Department of Justice's Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, and has lectured and been published on this subject and others nationwide. He is also a faculty member at the Death Penalty College at Santa Clara University School of Law, and for the State of Hawaii Annual Public Defender Conference.

Thoma is a 1976 political science graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill., and a 1981 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law.

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defense lawyers, public defenders, military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness and promoting a rational and humane criminal justice system.

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