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Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) Installs the 2015-2016 Board of Directors

Baton Rouge, La. (January 13, 2015) - The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) announced the 2015-2016 slate of officers and directors during the LACDL 4th quarter board meeting and annual membership meeting on December 11, 2014 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, La. The officers installed to serve a one year term include: President, Brett Brunson; Vice-President, Harold Murry; Secretary, Kyla Romanach; and Treasurer, David Williams. The directors and members-at-large installed to serve a second three year term include: 2nd District Director, Autumn Town; 6th District Director, Fred Crifasi; Member-at-Large, Andre Belanger; Member-at-Large, Derrick Carson; Member-at-Large, Richard Schroeder. Member-at-Large, Kathryn Widhalm, was elected to her first three year term as Member-at-Large.

President, Brett Brunson of Natchitoches, La., has served as the 10th Judicial District Defender in Natchitoches Parish since 2007. Brunson has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Louisiana Tech University and a juris doctorate from the Louisiana State University (LSU) Law Center.

Vice-President, Harold Murry of Alexandria, La., owns a private practice that focuses primarily on criminal defense and family law. Murry received a Bachelor of Science degree from LSU and a juris doctorate from the LSU Law Center.

Secretary, Kyla Romanach of Baton Rouge, La., is a staff attorney with the Baton Rouge Capital Conflict Office, where she has represented clients charged with capital murder for the last twelve years. She previously served as a public defender in East Baton Rouge Parish and worked for the Louisiana Appellate Project.

Treasurer, David Williams of Alexandria, La., is a trial attorney who represents clients in both criminal and civil litigation. Williams obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northwestern State University and a juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center (SULC).

2nd District Director, Autumn Town of New Orleans, La., began her legal career as an associate at a New Orleans defense firm before opening her own law practice in December 2007. Town received her bachelor's degree in political science and psychology from Tulane University. She later earned a joint master's degree in political science and juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School.

6th District Director, Fred Crifasi of Baton Rouge, La., has been practicing criminal law for over 20 years. Crifasi received a bachelor's degree in business administration from LSU and a juris doctorate from the LSU Law Center.

Member-at-Large, Andre Belanger of Baton Rouge, La., is a partner at Manasseh, Gill, Knipe & Belanger; P.L.C. Belanger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Knox College and a juris doctorate from Loyola University School of Law.

Member-at-Large, Derrick Carson of Vidalia, La., has served as the 7th Judicial District Defender in Catahoula and Concordia Parishes for over 10 years and has a career as a public defender in Louisiana.

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Member-at-Large, Richard Schroeder of New Orleans, La., is a partner at Jones Walker who focuses primarily on corporate legal compliance matters and white collar defense. Schroeder obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a juris doctorate from Tulane University Law School.

Member-at-Large, Kathryn Widhalm of Natchitoches, La., practices privately and with the 10th Judicial District Public Defenders' Office. Widhalm graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2002 and obtained her juris doctorate from the SULC in 2009.

About LACDL

LACDL was formed by a group of criminal defense lawyers in 1985. Almost three decades later and with more than 600 members throughout Louisiana, it remains a vital cornerstone of support for the criminal defense bar. Membership in LACDL means joining your fellow defenders in the struggle for liberty, individual rights, the basic principle of due process and the fundamental right to a fair trial. LACDL affords its members the opportunity to network with peers who share in the passion to protect individual rights and those of the accused. For more information, please visit www.lacdl.org, email lacdl@tatmangroup.com, or call the LACDL office at (225)767-7640.

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