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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) Installs Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) President to Board of Directors**

Baton Rouge, La. (August 4, 2014) - The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) elected Robert S. Toale to the 2014-2017 board of directors during NACDL's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Seminar in Philadelphia, Pa. on July 30 – August 2, 2014. Robert Toale currently serves as President of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL).

Toale is the founder of the Law Office of Robert S. Toale in Gretna, La. and has devoted over 30 years to practicing criminal defense law. He graduated with a B.A. from Tulane University in 1975 and obtained his J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law in 1982.

In addition to acting as President of LACDL and his lifetime membership to LACDL and NACDL, Toale is active in many professional associations such as the Louisiana State, New Orleans and Jefferson Bar Associations, and the Louisiana Association for Justice. He is a graduate of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College, the National Criminal Defense College's Trial Practice Institute, and is certified as Capital Lead Trial Counsel by the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

Toale is one of eight criminal defense lawyers from across the country selected to serve on NACDL's board of directors. NACDL's mission is to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime; foster the integrity, independence and expertise of the criminal defense profession; and promote the proper and fair administration of justice. Its board of directors serve three year terms of office and oversee the business and affairs of the organization and sets organization policy.

#### **About LACDL**

LACDL was formed by a group of criminal defense lawyers in 1985. Almost three decades later and with more than 500 members throughout Louisiana, it remains a vital cornerstone of support. 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.com](http://www.lacdl.com), email [lacdl@tatmangroup.com](mailto:lacdl@tatmangroup.com), or call the LACDL office at (225)767-7640.

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