



Affiliate Organizations

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS

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RE: Submission of Nominations: 2012 NACDL Council of Affiliates Election

Dear NACDL Affiliate Leader:

It is that time of year again! NACDL is currently seeking Affiliate nominations for two upcoming vacancies on its Board of Directors and the correlating seats on the Council of Affiliates. These Board seats are dedicated exclusively to Affiliate Representatives and will last from (2012 – 2015).

NACDL's Council of Affiliates is comprised of (4) Affiliate elected representatives, each with a three year term, serving as members of NACDL's Board of Directors. Because the Council of Affiliates is your voice to NACDL, it is important that NACDL's Board have energetic and outspoken representation from the Affiliates. Council members are elected by the local leadership of Affiliated Organizations and are responsible for representing the interests of all 95 NACDL Affiliates to the Board. Additionally, they are tasked with coordinating information and maintaining the relationship between NACDL and its county, city, state-wide, and international Affiliates.

If you know someone from your state organization who can effectively speak on behalf of your interests, and those of other Affiliated organizations, I urge you to please consider nominating them. Because the elections are fast-approaching, now is the time to consider who your potential nominee might be. Each affiliate is entitled to nominate only one person as a candidate.

QUALIFICATIONS for Nomination

To qualify for nomination, a candidate must be a member in good standing with both NACDL and the Affiliate making the nomination. Additionally, the nominee must have attended at least three NACDL meetings within the twenty-four months preceding their nomination, and they must be willing to attend all quarterly NACDL Board meetings during their tenure except in cases of illness, serious personal/professional difficulties, or official court business.

The nomination deadline is **May 21, 2012**. All submissions should include: a letter of nomination from an Affiliate officer or executive director, the candidate's letter of intent to run for the affiliate board seat, and a statement of qualifications to be included on the ballot. All qualified nominees will be automatically placed on the ballot, and each Affiliate will have the right to vote.

I am eager to see the names of your nominees and hope this year's election brings many candidates and options to the table for all the Affiliates to choose from.

For more information about the Affiliate nomination process, please visit www.nacdl.org/affiliates, or, if you have any questions about the election, please feel free to contact me at (202) 872-8600 x636.

Please **Fax** all candidate nominations to 202-872-8690 Attn: Gerald Lippert, 2012 NACDL Affiliate Election or **Mail** to: Gerald Lippert, NACDL, 1660 L St. NW – 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

Regards,

Gerald Lippert
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