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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY ANNOUNCES WENDY MURPHY, RENOWNED APPELLATE ATTORNEY, VICTIMS' RIGHTS ADVOCATE AND TELEVISION NEWS LEGAL ANALYST, AS ITS NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

National – August 30, 2011 - The National Domestic Violence Registry (NDVR), a non-profit organization that maintains an online database with conviction records of domestic violence offenders, welcomes Wendy Murphy, trial and appellate attorney specializing in the representation of crime victims, women, children and victim service providers, onto their board of directors.

"I'm honored to become part of an organization that plays such a unique and significant role in the prevention of domestic violence. We have plenty of public awareness of what domestic violence is, and how much harm it causes, but not nearly enough about who the people are that are perpetrating the violence. The National Domestic Violence Registry provides a vital public service that saves lives simply by making important information easily accessible," said Murphy.

Myra Spearman, NDVR Executive Director said, "I am honored that Wendy Murphy has joined the National Domestic Violence Registry. Through her many achievements, she has been able to shed light in places that were previously darkened by domestic violence and sexual assault. We are honored and feel that her contributions will greatly enhance our programs."

As a former child abuse and sex crimes prosecutor, Murphy served on the Massachusetts Governor's Crime Commission and the Commission Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. She has also consulted with Congress and worked with The White House Women's Office. Among her many achievements, Murphy single-handedly designed test cases in courts around the country to change the law and better protect the rights of crime victims. In 1992, she founded and directed The Victim Advocacy and Research Group, which is a volunteer legal advocacy organization that provides free legal services to victims and other third-parties in the criminal justice system.

A former visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, Murphy has also served as a faculty member at The Poynter Institute and is currently an adjunct professor at New England Law Boston. She also lectures widely on constitutional law, legal policy, and litigation strategy regarding victims', children's, and women's rights, in addition to providing consultation on these topics.

Murphy has worked for CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and CBS News as a legal analyst, and is featured regularly on network and cable television. A published author, Murphy released her first solo book, "And Justice For Some," in 2007. She has also authored numerous law review articles and several chapters in consortium books. Currently, her work is featured in columns for The Patriot Ledger, The Daily Beast, and Gatehouse News.

About NDVR

Founded in 2007 by Myra Spearman, The National Domestic Violence Registry works to strengthen the public availability of domestic violence conviction records and long-term restraining orders. Spearman, along with Deputy Director Lyn Twyman and a team of volunteers, consult with survivors and advocates to maintain a program that addresses the growing need for the use of technology to help prevent future domestic violence cases. To learn more about NDVR, please visit: www.domesticviolencedatabase.org.

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