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DONALD F. WALTON APPOINTED ACTING U.S. TRUSTEE IN DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Donald F. Walton has been appointed Acting United States Trustee for Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey (Region 3) for an interim period effective Oct. 7, 2001, Martha Davis, Acting Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees, announced today. Walton replaces Patricia A. Staiano following the expiration of her term.

"Ms. Staiano's leadership has been instrumental in helping the region to address significant management and legal issues arising from the country's largest and most complex Chapter 11 caseload," Davis stated. "Mr. Walton is an outstanding public servant whose years of experience in the Program will enable him to guide this important region."

Walton is the Regional Assistant U.S. Trustee for Region 21, which is headquartered in Atlanta and consists of Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Walton joined the U.S. Trustee Program in 1987 as Assistant U.S. Trustee in Atlanta after working for 11 years as an associate, and then partner, with an Atlanta law firm. He served as Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 21 from August 1992 to June 1997, and as Acting Deputy Director for the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees from January 1995 through June 1995. He has also taken temporary duty assignments as Assistant U.S. Trustee in Los Angeles; New Haven, Conn.; Newark, N.J.; Garden City, N.Y.; and Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1992 and 2001, respectively, Walton received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and the Director's Award for Distinguished Service.

Walton received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968. He was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served three years active duty. He received his law degree cum laude in 1974 from the University of Georgia's Lumpkin School of Law. Immediately

afterward, he clerked for the Honorable James C. Hill, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia and U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The United States Trustee Program is a component of the Justice Department that protects the integrity of the bankruptcy system by overseeing case administration and litigating to enforce the bankruptcy laws.

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