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**EOUST DIRECTOR KEVYN ORR APPOINTS
MARTHA DAVIS AS ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
JOSEPH GUZINSKI AS ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL**

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Kevyn D. Orr, Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees, announced today that he has appointed Martha L. Davis as EOUST Acting Deputy Director and Joseph A. Guzinski as EOUST Acting General Counsel. Davis has served as General Counsel for the EOUST since 1990. Guzinski has served as Assistant Director for Research and Planning since 1997; he will remain in that position while serving as Acting General Counsel.

The EOUST is the Washington, D.C., office of the United States Trustee Program, a component of the Justice Department that monitors bankruptcy administration nationwide. The EOUST oversees the Program's substantive operations and handles its administrative functions. Orr was appointed Deputy Director in 1995, and became the Director in March after former Director Joseph "Jerry" Patchan retired.

"My request that Martie and Joe fill these positions is in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the United States Trustee Program and its mission; their creative and unflagging energy in working with the Department, the United States Trustees, the Administration, the bankruptcy courts, and the trustee organizations; and their broad experience and knowledge of the field and its operations," Orr stated. "I know that the Program will benefit from the skills, knowledge and experience Martie and Joe bring to these demanding jobs."

As EOUST General Counsel, Davis has been responsible for providing advice and litigation support to the Director and the United States Trustees. The Office of General Counsel

plays a key role in coordinating the United States Trustees' litigating positions and in shaping Program policies and procedures on substantive bankruptcy issues and internal agency operations. Most recently, Davis has focused upon representing the Program's views regarding the bankruptcy reform legislation pending before Congress. She has coordinated Program testimony before Congress, contributed to the Justice Department's views letters on the bankruptcy proposals, and advised other agencies on issues concerning bankruptcy administration.

Before she joined the EOUST in 1984, Davis worked in Alexandria, Va., concentrating on real estate, bankruptcy, and collections. She obtained her J.D. in 1980 from Catholic University Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., and her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1973 from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

As Assistant Director for Research and Planning, Guzinski oversees the EOUST's activities relating to strategic planning, statistical research, public information, and consumer affairs. He is also currently working with staff from the Office of Management and Budget and the Treasury Department on a study of financial privacy and bankruptcy.

Prior to joining the EOUST, Guzinski worked in the bankruptcy sections of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation. He also served as Special Counsel to the FDIC's and RTC's Drexel Task Force, responsible for directing litigation against Drexel Burnham Lambert and Michael Milken. Before working for the FDIC, Guzinski was an associate at the Baltimore law firm of Frank Bernstein Conaway and Goldman, where his work included litigating bankruptcy cases arising from Maryland's savings and loan crisis. He obtained his J.D. in 1983 from the University of Virginia Law School in Charlottesville, Va., and his Bachelor of Arts degree in American History in 1976 from Towson State College in Towson, Md.

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