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**BRENDA MOODY WHINERY ASSUMES DUTIES OF
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HAWAII, TERRITORIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Brenda Moody Whinery, United States Trustee for Arizona (Region 14), will also serve as United States Trustee for Southern California, Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Marianas Islands (Region 15), the Executive Office for United States Trustees announced today. Whinery's appointment took effect April 1. She fills the position formerly occupied by United States Trustee Harry Sherr, who did not seek reappointment.

The United States Trustee Program is a component of the Justice Department that supervises the administration of bankruptcy cases nationwide. Region 15's principal office is in San Diego; it also has an office in Honolulu.

Whinery has served since January 1998 as United States Trustee for Region 14. She was previously a partner in the Phoenix law firm Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite, where she was co-chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group. Whinery joined the firm in 1991, and became a member of its board of directors in 1993.

Whinery received her Juris Doctor in 1985 from the University of Arizona College of Law in Tucson, where she was Note Editor for the Arizona Law Review from 1984 to 1985. In 1982, Whinery earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business

Administration with high distinction from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Whinery occupies a number of professional leadership positions. In October 1997, she was selected by the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference to serve a three-year term as an Arizona Lawyer Delegate to the Ninth Circuit. During 1996-1997, she headed the Bankruptcy Section of the Arizona State Bar. Whinery was also named by Today's Arizona Woman as one of Arizona's 100 top women in business in 1997 and 1998.

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