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ROD J. ROSENSTEIN SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

BALTIMORE, Maryland – Rod J. Rosenstein took office today as United States Attorney for the District of Maryland. United States District Court Chief Judge Benson E. Legg administered the oath of office to Mr. Rosenstein at the United States Courthouse in Baltimore this morning. A public investiture ceremony will be held next month.

President George W. Bush nominated Mr. Rosenstein to serve as United States Attorney on May 23, 2005. The United States Senate confirmed the nomination by unanimous consent on July 1. Mr. Rosenstein replaces Allen F. Loucks, who became interim U.S. Attorney on January 3, 2005.

United States Attorney Rosenstein issued the following statement:

“United States Attorneys have been responsible for prosecuting federal crimes and handling federal civil litigation since 1789. Their reputation for excellence, integrity and achievement is the result of more than two centuries of devoted service to America. As I rejoin the distinguished men and women of the Maryland U.S. Attorney’s Office, I aspire to live up to its proud history and longstanding traditions. I return to this office with a deep sense of duty, a healthy measure of humility, and a high level of confidence in the remarkable abilities of our attorneys and staff.”

“In cooperation with our partners in federal, state and local law enforcement, we will continue to work tirelessly to prevent terrorism, punish criminals and deter crime. In our civil cases, we will continue steadfastly to represent the interests of United States. As we pursue justice in each case, we will strive to inspire trust and confidence by adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards.”

Mr. Rosenstein has nearly fifteen years of experience in federal law enforcement, including service from 1997 to 2001 as a Maryland Assistant United States Attorney under the leadership of the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia.

After graduating from the Wharton School of Business and Harvard Law School, Mr. Rosenstein began his legal career in 1989 as a law clerk to Chief Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In 1990, he joined the United States Department of Justice as a Trial Attorney with the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division, then led by the Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III. He next served as Counsel to Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymann (1993-1994) and Special Assistant to Criminal Division Assistant Attorney General Jo Ann Harris (1994-1995). From 1995 to 1997, he was an Associate Independent Counsel under Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

In 2001, Mr. Rosenstein joined the Justice Department's Tax Division, where he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General to Assistant Attorney General Eileen J O'Connor.

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