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#### **RICHARD A. WIELAND APPOINTED UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Richard A. Wieland has been appointed by the Attorney General as the United States Trustee for Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico (Region 20), Clifford J. White III, Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees, announced today. Mr. Wieland's appointment takes effect today.

"I am very pleased to announce Dick Wieland's appointment as U.S. Trustee for Region 20," Mr. White stated. "His longstanding record of achievement as a Trial Attorney, as well as the high regard in which he is held within the bankruptcy community in his region, will serve the U.S. Trustee Program well."

Mr. Wieland was appointed Acting U.S. Trustee for Region 20 on September 1, 2007. Prior to that appointment, he had served as a Trial Attorney in the Wichita, Kans., office of the U.S. Trustee Program since 1988. From November 2003 to November 2007, he was designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Kansas to assist in the prosecution of criminal bankruptcy fraud cases, and in 2002 he received the Director's Award for the Prevention of Fraud and Abuse. In addition, he assisted the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees in its implementation of the credit counseling and debtor education approval requirements of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.

Mr. Wieland received his law degree from the University of Tulsa. He received his undergraduate degree and a Masters in Business Administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill.

The U.S. Trustee Program is the component of the Justice Department that protects the integrity of the bankruptcy system by overseeing case administration and litigating to enforce the bankruptcy laws. The Program has 21 regions and 95 field offices. Region 20 is headquartered in Wichita, Kans., with additional offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla., and Albuquerque, N.M.

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