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**RICHARD WIELAND APPOINTED ACTING U.S. TRUSTEE  
FOR KANSAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Richard Wieland has been appointed Acting United States Trustee for Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico (Region 20) for an interim period effective on September 1, it was announced today by Clifford J. White III, Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees (EOUST). Mr. Wieland replaces U.S. Trustee Felicia Turner, who has resigned to work for a private non-profit organization.

Mr. Wieland has served as a Trial Attorney in the Wichita, Kans., office of the U.S. Trustee Program since 1988. In addition to these duties, he is designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Kansas and assisted the EOUST 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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