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#### **PHOEBE MORSE APPOINTED U.S. TRUSTEE FOR MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAINE, RHODE ISLAND**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Phoebe Morse of Cambridge, Mass., has been appointed United States Trustee for Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island (Region 1), it was announced today by Lawrence Friedman, Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees. Morse's appointment takes effect on April 19, 2004.

“Phoebe Morse brings a breadth of legal and managerial experience to the U.S. Trustee Program,” Friedman stated. “Not only has she headed a vigorous regional office of the Federal Trade Commission, she has also served as Clerk for two federal tribunals, helping to develop procedures to address new challenges such as electronic case filing and information management.”

“I am very pleased to be appointed U.S. Trustee for Region 1,” Morse stated. “The region has an outstanding career staff. I look forward to working with them, under Director Friedman's leadership, to implement the Attorney General's mandate to confront fraud and abuse in the bankruptcy system.”

Immediately before joining the U.S. Trustee Program, Morse served as Clerk of Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and as Clerk of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. From 1983 to 1997, she was Regional Director of the Federal Trade Commission, where she directed antitrust and consumer law enforcement in the New England region, supervising litigation before the federal district courts and the Commission's administrative law judges. She was selected as a White House Fellow in 1980 and, as a Fellow, held assignments in the Executive Office of the President and the Department of Labor.

Morse has published numerous articles on antitrust and trade regulation issues, as well as materials on federal appellate practice. She was a member of the executive committee of the Judicial Nominating Commission in Massachusetts from 1992 to 1997, and taught at the New England School of Law for several years. Previously, Morse was a member of the boards of The Boston Club, which is an organization of senior executive and professional women, and Families With Children From China. She now serves on the board of The Wang Center for the Performing Arts.

Morse received her law degree from Boston College Law School in Newton, Mass., and her undergraduate degree from Chatham College in Pittsburgh, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The United States Trustee Program is a 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 1 is headquartered in Boston with additional offices in Worcester, Mass.; Manchester, N.H.; Portland, Me.; and Providence, R.I.

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