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**JOHN P. FITZGERALD APPOINTED ACTING U.S. TRUSTEE
FOR MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAINE, RHODE ISLAND**

WASHINGTON—John P. Fitzgerald has been appointed Acting U.S. Trustee for Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Rhode Island (Region 1), the Executive Office for United States Trustees announced today. Mr. Fitzgerald replaces Phoebe Morse, who resigned after serving as U.S. Trustee for Region 1 since April 2004.

Mr. Fitzgerald joined the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) in 1990, serving first as a trial attorney and then as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Portland, Maine, office. In 1992, he was appointed as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Boston office. Prior to joining the USTP, Mr. Fitzgerald was a trial attorney in the Department of Justice's Tax Division, Criminal Section, for 10 years. Mr. Fitzgerald currently serves as the chair of the USTP's Creditor Abuse Working Group, which assists USTP field offices in the investigation and litigation of cases involving abusive conduct by creditors.

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 USTP has 21 regions and 95 field offices. Region 1 is headquartered in Boston, with additional offices in Worcester, Mass.; Manchester, N.H.; Portland, Maine; and Providence, R.I.

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