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Patrick S. Layng Appointed United States Trustee for Northern Illinois, Wisconsin

WASHINGTON—Patrick S. Layng has been appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder as U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Illinois and the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin (Region 11), and will assume his duties today, the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees announced. Mr. Layng replaces William T. Neary, the U.S. Trustee for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas (Region 6), who has also served as U.S. Trustee for Region 11.

For the past six years, Mr. Layng was a Regional Criminal Coordinator for the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) with responsibility for prosecuting bankruptcy-related cases as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, providing consultation and guidance for law enforcement and USTP personnel on criminal bankruptcy fraud issues, and lecturing extensively on bankruptcy crimes, mortgage fraud, and related topics. Prior to that, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois for more than 14 years. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Layng was law clerk to the Honorable Stanley J. Roszkowski, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (retired).

Mr. Layng has tried nearly 40 federal criminal trials and argued 14 cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He received his law degree *cum laude* from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Law School and his undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Commerce.

The USTP 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 11 is headquartered in Chicago with additional offices in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin.

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