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#### **Guy G. Gebhardt is Appointed Acting U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands**

WASHINGTON—Guy G. Gebhardt has been appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder as Acting U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 21), effective on January 12, 2013, the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees announced today. He replaces Donald F. Walton, who is retiring after 25 years with the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP), including the past four and a half as U.S. Trustee.

Mr. Gebhardt has served since 1991 as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in the Atlanta office. He has participated in numerous working groups to implement USTP priorities that include coordinating national enforcement against identity theft and unlawful “foreclosure rescue” operations, tracking and reporting civil enforcement activities, and streamlining field office operations. He was a recipient of the Director’s Award for Exemplary Service in November 2002 for his longstanding contributions to the USTP. Before joining the USTP, Mr. Gebhardt practiced law in Atlanta for 17 years. He received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., and, after serving in the U.S. Army, received his law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tenn.

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 21 is headquartered in Atlanta with additional offices in Macon and Savannah, Ga.; Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Fla.; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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