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#### **Samuel K. Crocker to Serve as U.S. Trustee for Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico**

WASHINGTON—Samuel K. Crocker, the U.S. Trustee for Kentucky and Tennessee (Region 8), has been designated by Attorney General Eric Holder also to serve as the U.S. Trustee for Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico (Region 20) for an interim period beginning today, the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees announced today. He replaces Richard A. Wieland, who has served as U.S. Trustee for Region 20 since January 2008.

Mr. Crocker was appointed as Region 8 U.S. Trustee in July 2011. Prior to that appointment, he was engaged in the private practice of law in Nashville, Tennessee, for more than 25 years. During that time he also served on the panel of chapter 7 trustees in the Middle District of Tennessee and as a trustee in numerous chapter 11 cases. Mr. Crocker has argued cases before the Fifth, Sixth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeal. As an authority on consumer bankruptcy and trustee-related matters, he has written extensively and spoken frequently at bankruptcy seminars and training programs around the country and advises the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) on national policy on those matters. Mr. Crocker received his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law in Oxford, Mississippi, and his Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

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 93 field office locations. Region 20 is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, with additional offices in Oklahoma City and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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