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ELLEN B. VERGOS REAPPOINTED AS UNITED STATES TRUSTEE FOR KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Ellen B. Vergos has been reappointed by Attorney General Janet Reno as United States Trustee for Region 8, which consists of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Vergos was first appointed United States Trustee for Region 8 on Jan. 9, 1995. She has practiced bankruptcy law since 1981, representing both debtors and creditors in cases filed under Chapters 7, 11, and 13. Prior to her first appointment as United States Trustee, she was a partner in the Memphis law firm of Waring Cox PLC. Before joining Waring Cox in 1980, she served as a Law Clerk for District Judge Harry W. Wellford of the Western District of Tennessee (currently a Senior Judge on the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit), and then worked as an associate with the Nashville law firm of Farris, Warfield & Kanaday.

Vergos received her Bachelor's Degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville and her Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis School of Law, and was licensed to practice law in 1976. She is active in many professional organizations, having served as president of the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, as a board member for the Memphis Bar Association and the MidSouth Commercial Law Institute, as an Assistant Bar Examiner on the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners, and as a member of the Hearing Committee for

the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility. She was named a fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation in 1996, is a member of the Shelby County Health Care Board, and participates in civic and volunteer work in organizations that promote education and career opportunities for girls and women.

The principal office for Region 8 is located in Memphis; other offices are located in Nashville, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; and Lexington, Ky. Vergos' second five-year term took effect on Feb. 14, 2000.

The United States Trustee Program is an arm of the Justice Department that supervises the administration of bankruptcy cases nationwide.

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