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Daniel M. McDermott to Serve as U.S. Trustee for Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota for Interim Period

WASHINGTON–Daniel M. McDermott, the U.S. Trustee for Ohio and Michigan (Region 9), has been designated by Attorney General Eric Holder also to serve as the U.S. Trustee for Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota (Region 12) for an interim period beginning on Dec. 3, 2011, the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees announced today. He replaces Habbo G. Fokkena, who is retiring from the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) after serving as the U.S. Trustee for Region 12 since May 2002.

Mr. McDermott was appointed as the U.S. Trustee for Region 9 in July 2008, and also served as the U.S. Trustee for Tennessee and Kentucky (Region 8) from January 2011 through July 2011. Previously, he headed the USTP’s Cleveland office as Assistant U.S. Trustee, and in 1999 he was recognized with the Director’s Award for Management Excellence. Before joining the USTP, Mr. McDermott held positions as a Bankruptcy Administrator for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio and as a bank officer and assistant counsel.

Mr. McDermott received his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in Cleveland and his undergraduate degree from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa.

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 12 is headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with additional offices in Des Moines, Iowa; Minneapolis; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

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