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**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CREDITED WITH COLLECTING
MORE THAN \$243 MILLION IN CIVIL & CRIMINAL ACTIONS
IN FISCAL YEAR 2009**

***Collections in Fiscal Year 2009 Continue to Climb
Due to Efforts of U.S. Attorney's Office Civil Division***

ATLANTA, GA—Acting United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates today announced that, during the government's fiscal year ending on September 30, 2009, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia was credited with collection of over \$243 million from individuals and businesses that committed federal crimes or are civilly indebted to the United States and reside in the District. This amount eclipses the total of \$194 million collected by the Office in fiscal year 2008. For the past six years, the United States Attorney's Office has steadily increased its collections from the previous year.

“Civil enforcement actions, forfeiture cases and the pursuit of restitution payments from criminal debtors are all important parts of how we satisfy our mission of enforcement of federal laws in this district. Although these actions are not always the most visible aspects of what we do, they nevertheless ensure that criminals and violators of civil fraud laws are held accountable for their actions,” said Acting United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates. “Recovery of these losses requires tenacious efforts from investigators who follow the money trails to probation officers who ensure that restitution is paid monthly by criminal debtors. We thank law enforcement for these continued efforts.”

During fiscal year (FY) 2009, the Office received credit for collections in excess of \$243.2 million. Of the amount collected, \$231.8 million was collected from civil debtors and \$11.4 million was collected from criminal debtors. In comparison, in FY2008, the Office collected a total of \$194 million (approximately \$176.2 million from civil debtors and \$17.8 million from criminal debtors). Despite current economic trends, the significant increase in collections from FY2008 to FY2009 was due to two health care enforcement actions jointly conducted by this Office with other districts, including \$96.9 from Tenet Healthcare Corporation and \$24.7 million from Southern Care, Inc. Large

criminal collections developed from efforts to restore \$5.3 million in forfeited funds to victims including \$1.4 million in the case of United States v. Jesus Manuel Losa, et al.

The United States Attorney's Office is charged with enforcing federal criminal laws in the Northern District of Georgia and with representing the federal government in civil litigation in the District. The Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office includes the Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) Section, the Forfeiture Unit and the Financial Litigation Unit which are responsible for civil financial enforcement actions and collection efforts ancillary to criminal prosecutions.

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