



*U.S. Department of Justice  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of Mississippi*

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**John M. Dowdy, Jr. Appointed as United States Attorney  
for the Southern District of Mississippi**

Jackson, Miss - John M. Dowdy, Jr. has been appointed as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi. Mr. Dowdy was appointed by Chief United States District Judge Louis Guirola, Jr. on behalf of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. Mr. Dowdy has been serving as Acting First Assistant United States Attorney for the past year, as well as Chief of the Criminal Division since October, 2004. Mr. Dowdy, a native of Gulfport, began his career with the United States Attorney's Office in October, 1988.

Mr. Dowdy replaces United States Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter who retired this month following a distinguished 31- year career with the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office.

No announcement has been made by the Administration with respect to a Presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

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