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**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

The U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland is pleased to announce the selection of Mark A. Neal, Esq. as the next Clerk of Court.

Mr. Neal has worked for the Office of the United States Trustee for the past 21 years. He was hired by the Department of Justice in 1992 under the Attorney General's Honors Program and appointed to the position of Assistant United States Trustee for the Baltimore office in 2001. In addition to fulfilling his duties as Assistant United States Trustee, Mr. Neal also simultaneously served on an emergency basis as one of Maryland's Standing Chapter 13 Trustees where he was responsible for the administration of approximately 6,000 cases and the disbursement of about \$1.75 million per month to creditors. Mr. Neal's passion for administration and policy development was evident with his selection to lead a national task force working to implement the new credit counseling and debtor education provisions set forth in the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005. In September 2006, Mr. Neal was presented with the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his work on this project.

Mr. Neal has also performed numerous program reviews of other U.S. Trustee offices with a focus on improving operational excellence and efficiency. He is a past president of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland and for the past 13 years has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law where he teaches Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights.

Mr. Neal will join the Bankruptcy Court on April 7, 2014, as the Clerk designee and will work closely with the current Clerk until current Clerk's retirement on May 2, 2014. Mr. Neal will then assume the full range of duties as Clerk of Court for the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland.