



UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S CORNER

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Meet Nancy J. Gargula, United States Trustee



Nancy J. Gargula, the U.S. Trustee for Indiana and the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois since 2002, has been designated by Attorney General William P. Barr to also serve for an interim period as the U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, effective April 30, 2019. She replaces Daniel M. McDermott, who served as interim U.S. Trustee in the region since January 2018.

Ms. Gargula is a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Trustee Program, who also served as the U.S. Trustee for Missouri, Arkansas, and Nebraska from May 2006 through December 2014. Before joining the U.S. Trustee Program, she was a partner at what is now known as Faegre, Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis from 1997 to 2002 and a member of the Commercial, Financial, and Bankruptcy Services Team. Prior to that, she worked at Bank One (now Chase) for 12 years, serving most recently in the role of general counsel and secretary to the Board of Directors.

Ms. Gargula received her JD from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1981 after graduating *summa cum laude* from Ball State University in 1977. She started her practice with a small commercial law firm where she learned bankruptcy from a senior partner who was also a chapter 7 panel trustee.

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Ms. Gargula is active in numerous professional associations, including the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Seventh Circuit Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Indianapolis Bar Foundation.

Ms. Gargula is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy, banking, commercial law, and related topics and has spoken on a wide variety of panels at conferences for the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, the National Association of Chapter 7 Trustees, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), and the American Bankruptcy Institute. For the past 14 years, she has also served on the NCBJ Liaison Committee with other members of the Executive Office of U.S. Trustees.

Ms. Gargula is also active in her community, volunteering for a number of non-profit organizations, at her church, for her neighborhood association, and, as of July 1, 2019, she will assume the role of President of the Notre Dame Law Association, the alumni association for all graduates of Notre Dame Law School. She loves to sing, play piano, play guitar, cook, etch glass, and simply relax with a good book.