



## UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S CORNER

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### Meet Guy A. Van Baalen, Assistant United States Trustee

Guy A. Van Baalen is the new Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Tampa Office, effective August 19, 2019. He succeeds T. Patrick (“Pat”) Tinker, who served as Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee for the Tampa Office since February 2018 and continues to serve as the Assistant U.S. Trustee in Wilmington, Delaware. As a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Trustee Program, Mr. Van Baalen served as a trial attorney and as the Assistant U.S. Trustee for Utica, New York from September 1996 until August 2019. He also served at varying times as the Acting Assistant U.S. Trustee for Brooklyn, New York and Central Islip, New York. Before joining the U.S. Trustee Program, Mr. Van Baalen was in private practice in Buffalo, New York for seven years.

Mr. Van Baalen received his J.D. from the University of Buffalo Law School in 1982, after graduating from the State University of New York at Albany in 1979. He began his practice with a small commercial law firm where he learned bankruptcy from a senior partner who was also a chapter 7 panel trustee.

Mr. Van Baalen is active in numerous professional associations and is a frequent speaker on bankruptcy and related topics for various bar associations and at the National Advocacy Center for the United States Trustee Program.

Mr. Van Baalen is also active in his community, volunteering for a number of non-profit organizations, including the Landmark Theater in Syracuse, New York, where he assumed the role of President of the Board of Directors. He also served as President of the Board for the Clinton (New York) School Board of Education. Mr. Van Baalen is also a current member and Major with the New York Guard, a state militia force, serving as Chief of Operations. He is the father of two grown children and two grandchildren. He loves the outdoors, athletic activities, motorcycle riding and spending time with his grandchildren.