

**William J. Simonitsch Joins Region 21 Team
as Assistant U.S. Trustee, Orlando Office of U.S. Trustee
By: Nancy J. Gargula, United States Trustee, Regions 10 and 21**



It is my distinct honor and pleasure to introduce William (“Bill”) J. Simonitsch who has joined the Region 21 Team as the Assistant U. S. Trustee (“AUST”) in our Orlando Office. Bill brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new responsibilities as AUST. As a former partner with K&L Gates, LLP, where he worked for 17 years, he has represented secured and unsecured creditors, debtors and asset purchasers in bankruptcy proceedings, assignments for the benefit of creditors, commercial foreclosures, and judgment enforcement actions. Bill also has extensive trial and arbitration experience for a wide array of industries in state and federal commercial lawsuits and arbitrations nationwide. He also served as interim in-house counsel for a firm client that was a publicly traded company with nationwide operations. Bill has held a variety of leadership positions in the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida, the American Bar Association, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, including serving as President for the 2013-2014 term. He also served on the Unincorporated Business Entities Study Group in connection with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Bill received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Florida State University. His Juris Doctor degree was conferred, *magna cum laude*, by the University of Miami School of Law, where he served on the Law Review Editorial Board and was a member of the Order of the Coif. Bill and his family recently relocated from Miami to Celebration, Florida.

We are very pleased to have Bill joining the United States Trustee Program and our Region 21 Team and know that with his breadth of knowledge and experience he will bring great value to the important work of the United States Trustee Program. I hope you will join me in welcoming AUST Bill Simonitsch to the Middle District of Florida.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to AUST Charlie Edwards who has served as the Acting AUST and led the Orlando Team since April of this year, while also carrying out his many duties as AUST in the Tallahassee Office. Charlie has provided exemplary leadership during this critical time.