



UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S CORNER

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Mary Ida Townson Appointed U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland has appointed Mary Ida Townson as the U.S. Trustee for Florida, Georgia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 21). Ms. Townson will assume her duties in June and will replace Nancy Gargula, who is the U.S. Trustee in Region 10 and who has served as the interim U.S. Trustee in Region 21 since April 2019.

Ms. Townson brings more than 30 years of bankruptcy experience to the position, including the past 18 years as a standing chapter 13 trustee for the Northern District of Georgia and, before that, in private practice representing debtors and creditors and serving as a chapter 7 panel trustee. She has also held various leadership positions with the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees and the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute over the past 10 years. Ms. Townson received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from Auburn University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Georgia Law School.

“Ms. Townson has committed her career to improving the bankruptcy system and we are excited to have her join our leadership team,” said U.S. Trustee Program (USTP) Director Cliff White. “We also are indebted to Ms. Gargula for her expert leadership of Region 21 over these past two years.”

The USTP is the component of the Justice Department that protects the integrity of the bankruptcy system by overseeing case administration and litigating to enforce the bankruptcy laws. The USTP has 21 regions and 90 field office locations. Region 21 is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, with additional offices in Macon and Savannah, Georgia; Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Notice Regarding The United States Trustee Program's
New Chapter 11 Periodic Reports
*28 C.F.R. § 58.8 - Effective: June 21, 2021***

On December 21, 2020, the U.S. Trustee Program (USTP), as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 589b, promulgated “Procedures for Completing Uniform Periodic Reports in Non-Small Business Cases Filed Under Chapter 11 of Title 11” (the “Procedures”). Under the Procedures, Chapter 11 debtors in possession and trustees (other than small business debtors and subchapter V debtors) in every judicial district where the USTP operates are required to file monthly operating reports and post-confirmation reports using uniform, data-embedded forms.

The Procedures and the new forms become effective for all reports filed on or after June 21, 2021. The USTP encourages bankruptcy professionals to contact their local USTP offices to learn more about the forms before June 21, 2021. Local USTP offices will make training available for bankruptcy professionals about completing, filing, and serving the new uniform MOR and PCR forms.

The Procedure, the uniform forms, and instructions for their use and filing (which may be periodically updated before the effective date) are available on the USTP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/ust/chapter-11-operating-reports>.

Please address any questions to your local Office of the United States Trustee. Contact information for the USTP's local offices in the Middle District is available at: <https://justice.gov/ust-regions-r21>.