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District of Columbia**

**Jeffrey A. Taylor
United States Attorney**

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ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY NAMED FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON - The Department of Justice today announced that Channing D. Phillips, 51, has been named Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Mr. Phillips will replace Jeffrey A. Taylor, whose recent resignation is effective today, May 29, 2009.

Mr. Phillips joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia in 1994, as a line Assistant, where he investigated and prosecuted a variety of criminal matters, including drug trafficking, illegal firearms, violent crime, immigration and fraud cases. Mr. Phillips currently serves as Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney, and has previously served as Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the United States Attorney. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Mr. Phillips was a trial attorney with the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1980, and from the Howard University School of Law in 1986.

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia is the largest United States Attorney's Office with over 340 Assistant United States Attorneys and over 340 support personnel. The Office is responsible not only for the prosecution of all federal crimes, but also for the prosecution of all serious local crime committed by adults in the District of Columbia. In addition, the Office represents the United States and its departments and agencies in civil proceedings filed in federal court in the District of Columbia.

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