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KANSAN NAMED REGIONAL BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE

Washington, DC -- Carol A. Park, Arkansas City, has been named a U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee by the U.S. Justice Department, according to Senator Bob Dole (R-KS).

Park, 34, has been serving as assistant bankruptcy trustee for Kansas and Colorado since 1982. In her new appointment, she will oversee the administration of bankruptcy cases under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department in Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Park will establish the permanent regional trustee headquarters at the federal courthouse in Wichita.

In urging the Justice Department to appoint Park, Sen. Dole said, "With a strong record of service as assistant U.S. Trustee, Carol Park has demonstrated her skills in managing a large and varied case load. There have been a number of strong, unqualified reports supporting Carol for a permanent appointment from attorneys, citizens and business people."

Dole said the bankruptcy trustee system, formerly operating as a pilot project but now a permanent part of the Justice Department, separates the administration and supervision of Chapters 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases from the adjudicate legal process. This allows trustees to act in an administrative capacity in management of complex bankruptcy proceedings, said Dole.

Park has also been appointed on a temporary basis to serve as trustee for Colorado, Utah and Wyoming pending appointment of a permanent trustee by the Justice Department for that region, according to Dole.

Park received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University. She obtained a masters degree in public administration and a law degree from the University of Arizona. She has served as a senior tax specialist, litigation clerk and auditor for various legal and accounting firms. She is a member of numerous bar associations.

Park is married to Dr. Gary Wood, a radiologist at Arkansas City Memorial Hospital. They are the parents of two children. They formerly resided in Wichita.