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**Jerry Rushing named Acting Chief of the Criminal Division
in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi**

Jackson, Miss - United States Attorney John Dowdy announced today that Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry L. Rushing, of Summit, has been named Acting Chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Rushing graduated from North Pike High School, Southwest Mississippi Junior College, and the University of Mississippi. After receiving his law degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law, Rushing worked for the Gary L. Honea Law Firm in Magnolia before becoming an Assistant District Attorney for the 14th Circuit Court District, which consists of Pike, Lincoln, and Walthall counties. Rushing served as an Assistant District Attorney from 1990 until 2001. In 2001, Rushing was hired as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

"Jerry is uniquely qualified to serve as the Acting Criminal Chief," said Dowdy. "As one of the senior prosecutors, Jerry is familiar with policy and procedure of the office and is well respected by his peers and the federal judiciary."

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rushing, Sr. of Summit.