



*U.S. Department of Justice
United States Attorney
Southern District of Mississippi*

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**Donald R. Burkhalter Appointed Interim United States Attorney
for the Southern District of Mississippi**

Jackson, Miss - United States Attorney General Eric Holder has selected Donald R. Burkhalter to serve as Interim United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi. Mr. Burkhalter served in the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. for over ten years and in the United States Attorney's Office in Jackson for over twenty years. His prior service while in Washington included duty in the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility, the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys Evaluation and Review Staff, the Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, the Eastern District of Virginia and the Southern District of Florida. In the United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of Mississippi, he has served as Financial Fraud Coordinator, Health Care Fraud Coordinator, International and National Security Coordinator, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, and First Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Mr. Burkhalter is a native of Magnolia, Mississippi, and the son of the late Maurice and Helen C. Burkhalter. He is the third of the last five U.S. Attorneys who were native to Pike County, having been preceded by Brad Pigott of McComb and Dunn Lampton of Osyka. Mr. Burkhalter currently resides in Madison, Mississippi with his wife Bobbe and is the father of two daughters, Stephanie Burkhalter-Haslett of California and Bailey Burkhalter, a sophomore at Tulane University in New Orleans.

No announcement has been made by the Administration with respect to a new Presidentially appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

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