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VERONICA HAGGART BECOMES UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSIONER

Ms. Veronica Haggart, of Washington, D.C., was sworn in on Tuesday, March 23, 1982, in the Office of the Vice President as a member of the United States International Trade Commission. Congresswoman Virginia Smith, Republican of Nebraska, administered Ms. Haggart's oath of office in the presence of Vice President George Bush, Senator Robert Dole, and Assistant to the President Elizabeth Hanford Dole.

President Ronald Reagan announced his intention to nominate Ms. Haggart on February 5, 1982, and the Senate confirmed her nomination on March 8, 1982. Ms. Haggart will serve for the remainder of the term expiring June 16, 1984.

Ms. Haggart, a Republican, is the third appointee to join the Commission during President Reagan's administration. Commissioners Alfred Eckes and Eugene Frank, both Republicans were also nominated by President Reagan.

Before becoming a member of the Commission, Ms. Haggart was a senior partner in the law firm of Heron, Haggart, Ford, Burchette & Ruckert, in Washington, D.C. She specialized in administrative law and litigation as it related to international trade and agriculture. Her international trade practice has involved extensive work with the GATT; Section 301 cases; the Generalized System of Preferences; and various bilateral trade issues involving such matters as tariffs and licensing practices.

Prior to starting her own firm, Ms. Haggart was associated with the Washington law firm of Pope, Ballard, & Loos.

In 1977-78, Ms. Haggart was law clerk to the Honorable June L. Green, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Prior to her clerkship with Judge Green, Ms. Haggart was a law clerk with the Washington firm of Cole, Corette & Bradfield and with the U.S. Department of Justice.

From 1973 to 1975, Ms. Haggart gained Executive Branch experience by serving as Special Assistant to an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. At the Department of Agriculture she contributed to the agency's international trade and consumer services programs. She has also served as Special Assistant to the Deputy United States Trade Representative.

Ms. Haggart was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1949 and grew up in St. Paul, Nebraska. She received her B.A. from the University of Nebraska and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where

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she served as an editor on the American Criminal Law Review. Ms. Haggart is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and before the Court of Claims. She is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the Federal Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Ms. Haggart is the co-author of the section on the Office of the United States Trade Representative in the Federal Administrative Practice manual soon to be published by the Administrative Law Section of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. She currently serves as chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the ABA Administrative Law Section.

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