

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

PAMELA M. ZARESK Area Port Director Charleston, South Carolina



Area Port Director Zaresk began her Federal career in 1971 as a staff assistant for the Committee on House Administration in the U.S. House of Representatives. She chose to move to the U.S. Customs Service in the New York Region in 1974 where she was a personnel specialist and the first Labor Relations Specialist in the New York Region.

In 1980 Ms. Zaresk voluntarily changed career paths and took a downgrade to become a Customs Inspector in Newark, New Jersey. She transferred to Miami, Florida in 1982 where she worked at the Miami International Airport and on the Contraband Enforcement Team (CET).

In 1985 Ms. Zaresk was promoted to a Program Officer in the Miami Region. In 1988 Ms. Zaresk was promoted to the Assistant District Director for Inspection and Control in the Tampa, Florida District. In 1991 she returned to the Miami Region and served as the Deputy Regional Director, Inspection and Control with responsibility for oversight and program direction for all inspectional activities in the Southeast Region which extended from Dulles Airport south to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, including pre-clearance operations in the Bahamas and Bermuda.

With the realignment of the Customs Service in 1995 and the abolishment of regions, Ms. Zaresk became the Area Port Director in Orlando, Florida which encompassed the international airport operations in Orlando, Sanford, Daytona Beach and Melbourne, as well as cruise ship and cargo operations in Cape Canaveral.

In 1997 Ms. Zaresk served on a detail to Customs Headquarters where she worked on the team that developed the Quality Recruitment Program. She then served in the Passenger Operations Division in Headquarters with responsibility for introducing body scan technology and deployment to major international airports.

Ms. Zaresk was promoted to the position of Director, Seizures and Penalties Division in Headquarters with responsibility for direction and oversight of the fines, penalties and forfeitures and seized property programs for the Customs Service. Ms. Zaresk also served as the Acting Executive Director, Field Operations in Headquarters prior to becoming the Port Director in Charleston in January of 2003.

In March 2003, Ms. Zaresk served as the Interim Area Port Director for the newly created agency US Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Zaresk was permanently selected to be the permanent Area Port Director for US Customs and Border Protection in Charleston, South Carolina with responsibility for the ports of Columbia, Greenville and the User Fee airport in Myrtle Beach.