

## Pamela M. Zaresk

Ms. Zaresk retired in August 2008 after 38 plus years as a Federal employee. She began her career in the U.S. House of Representatives as a staff assistant for the Committee on House Administration. After 3 years on "The Hill" she joined the U.S. Customs Service in New York City as a Personnel Specialist. She spent several years as a Labor Relations Specialist before voluntarily taking a downgrade from her management position and became a Customs Inspector working on the docks in Newark New Jersey.

Pam relocated to Miami serving as a Customs Inspector at the Miami Seaport and International Airport. She was a member of a special enforcement team in Miami during the "Cocaine Cowboy" days in the early to mid 80s. Following that period of numerous interdictions of loads of cocaine and marijuana, Pam once again joined the management ranks of the US Customs Service.

She served as a Program Officer; Assistant District Director in Tampa, FL; Deputy Regional Director of the Miami Region; and the Area Port Director in Orlando, FL. In 1997 Pam moved to U.S. Customs' Headquarters in Washington, DC where she was responsible for nationwide programs at international airports; was the Director of the Seizures and Penalties Division; and served as the Acting Director of Field Operations with responsibility for all front line inspectional activities in seaports, airports and land borders throughout the country.

Ms. Zaresk moved to Charleston, SC in 2002 and became the Area Port Director for US Customs with responsibility for all Customs operations in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville. When the Department of Homeland Security was established, U.S. Customs merged with the inspectional functions of the Department of Immigration and Naturalization and the inspectional functions of the Department of Agriculture forming the new agency - US Customs and Border Protection. Pam served as the first Area Port Director of CBP until August of 2008.

Following her retirement, Pam became a personal services contractor with the U.S. Department of State and spent a year in SE Asia working as a regional advisor for the Export Control and Related Border Security Program.

Pam makes her home in a Charleston single built in 1869 in downtown Charleston, SC which provides numerous opportunities for "projects". Pam enjoys Charleston's fine dining; theatre productions; music (especially jazz) events; walking the Ravenel bridge; and bicycling all over the Peninsula.