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## **EOIR Announces 42 Immigration Judges**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the investiture of 42 immigration judges who joined immigration courts in California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Attorney General Pamela Bondi and EOIR Director Daren K. Margolin delivered remarks, and Attorney General Bondi administered the oath of office during the investiture, which was held today at the Department of Justice’s Great Hall in Washington, D.C.



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“This Department of Justice has made reducing the immigration court backlog a top priority, and these 42 new highly qualified judges will help us deliver on that goal,” said Attorney General Bondi. “Under the Trump Administration, immigration judges will decide cases based on the law – not politics.”

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Bondi appointed Stephen P. Alcorn, Jeffrey S. Brady, Jonathan M. Brent, Diana L. Callaghan, Jaclyn C. Chapman, Corey A. Combs, Christopher Cusmano, Chad Dotson, Katherine Estes, Darin W. Flagg, Melissa Fox, John, P. Fucetola, Kevin Gross, Dimple Gupta, Jason Hermus, Linda Hristova, Paul N. Jones, Jared M. Kennedy, C. Morgan Kim, James A. Klinedinst, Anupriya Krishna, Jill K. Krishnan, Kieran M. Lalor, Liviu Lungu, Robert L. Martin, Alex G. Mason, Matthew A. McLeod, Patrick E. Moore, Harold “Hal” Ronald Moroz, Revathi Muneer, Kyle Myers, Kiera Parikh, John A. Poore, Adam Rodriguez, Juan Román, Robyn Ross, Jeffrey Sprague, Eric Stransky, Gordan S. Vincent, Akash B. Vyas, Jacob Weintraub, and Lian Yeh to their new positions as immigration judges.

Since January 20, 2025, EOIR has reduced the backlog by over 380,000 cases. These new immigration judges, who have undergone a robust training program, are joining an immigration judge corps that is committed to upholding the rule of law.

Biographical information for the newly appointed immigration judges follows:

#### **Stephen P. Alcorn, Immigration Judge, Sterling Immigration Court**

Stephen P. Alcorn was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Alcorn earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1989 from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctorate in 2000 from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. From October 2022 to February 2026, he was an attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, assigned as a legal instructor for the U.S. Border Patrol Academy in Artesia, New Mexico. From March 2013 to December 2021, he served as the city attorney for Montrose, Colorado. From October 2004 to March 2013, he was a judge of the District Court, State of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. From June 1997 to August 2004, he was an assistant district attorney for the Oklahoma County District Attorney’s Office. Judge Alcorn served as an armor officer in Germany, Korea, and Operation Desert Storm. Judge Alcorn is a member of the Colorado Bar.

#### **Jeffrey S. Brady, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Jeffrey S. Brady was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Brady earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1984 from Iowa State University, a Juris Doctor with Honors in 1992 from Drake University Law School, a Master of Laws with Honors in 1999 from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Legal Center and School, and a Master of Business Administration in 2019 from the University of Iowa. From June 2004 to February 2026, he served as the president and general counsel for various defense contract firms, a task force officer for the FBI National Joint Terrorism Task Force, the plant manager at a manufacturing plant, and the manager of security for a Fortune 500 energy utility company. From 1984 to 2004, he served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, first as an infantry officer and later

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as a judge advocate. In 2004, he retired as the chief of staff, Campaign Support Group, U.S. Special Operations Command. Judge Brady is a member of the Indiana State Bar.

#### **Jonathan M. Brent, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – Van Nuys Boulevard Immigration Court**

Jonathan M. Brent was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Brent earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from the University of Southern California, a Juris Doctor in 2010 from the University of Virginia, School of Law, and a Master of Divinity in 2025 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. From September 2024 to February 2026, he served as a senior attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Long Beach, California. From January 2016 to September 2024, he served as a general attorney, senior attorney, and deputy assistant chief counsel, OCC, CBP, DHS, in El Paso, Texas. From October 2011 to December 2015, he served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. From September 2010 to September 2011, he was a law clerk and associate with a private law firm in Los Angeles. Judge Brent holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Texas Army National Guard. Judge Brent is a member of the State Bar of California and the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Diana L. Callaghan, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court**

Diana L. Callaghan was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Callaghan earned a Bachelor of Science in Law in 1985 from Western State University College of Law, a Juris Doctor in 1986 from Western State University College of Law, a Master of Laws in Taxation in 2004 from Golden Gate University School of Law, a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Political Science, in 2009 from San Diego State University, and a Master of Public Administration in 2010 from California State University Long Beach. From September 2005 to September 2024, she served as a supervising deputy attorney general at the California Attorney General's Office and was awarded three of the prestigious Attorney General's awards for excellence in prosecution. From March 2004 to September 2005, she served as an associate attorney for the law firm of Rice and Keely LLC, in Torrance, California. From March 1988 to March 2004, she served as a deputy district attorney with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. Judge Callaghan is a member of the State Bar of California, the Roll of Solicitors for England and Wales, and the Roll of Solicitors for the Republic of Ireland. Judge Callaghan is also a member of the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

#### **Jaclyn C. Chapman, Immigration Judge, Baton Rouge Immigration Court**

Jaclyn C. Chapman was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Chapman earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. From April 2017 to February 2026, she was an assistant district attorney/deputy bureau chief with the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office in Baton Rouge. From February 2014 to March 2017, she was an associate attorney at Clayton, Fruge & Ward in Port Allen, Louisiana. From August 2008 to December 2013, she was an assistant district attorney

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with the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office in Baton Rouge. From March 2006 to July 2008, she was a law clerk to the Honorable Rachel P. Morgan at the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge. From October 2004 to February 2006, she was an associate attorney at Keogh, Cox & Wilson in Baton Rouge. Judge Chapman is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

#### **Corey A. Combs, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Corey A. Combs was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Combs earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2013 from the University at Buffalo and a Juris Doctor in 2016 from George Washington University Law School. From September 2019 to February 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in the following locations: Newark, New Jersey (2025-2026) and New York, New York (2019-2025). From 2017 to 2019, he worked as a contract attorney in Washington, D.C. Judge Combs is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

#### **Christopher Cusmano, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Christopher Cusmano was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Cusmano earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from American University and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Columbia Law School. From September 2024 to February 2026, he was an assistant chief counsel with the Office of Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in New York, New York. From October 2022 to September 2024, he served as a senior attorney for the Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office in Viera, Florida. From February 2019 to October 2022, he served as an assistant state attorney with the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit in Viera, Florida. From July 2011 to September 2017, he served in various capacities on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps including trial counsel, legal assistance attorney, and special victim counsel, and was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. From January 2010 to April 2011, he served as a litigation associate at a large international law firm in New York, New York. After leaving active duty, Judge Cusmano first transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve and is presently in the Florida Army National Guard. As a judge advocate, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2014 and was mobilized to the Southwest Border from October 2023 to May 2024. He was recently selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel. Judge Cusmano is a member of the Florida Bar and New York State Bar.

#### **Chad Dotson, Immigration Judge, Richmond Immigration Adjudication Center**

Chad Dotson was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Dotson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from the University of Virginia and a Juris Doctor in 1999 from Georgetown University Law Center. From September 2023 to January 2026, he served as the director of the Virginia Department of Corrections. From January 2022 to September 2023, he served as chairman of the Virginia Parole Board. From July 2011 to August 2020, he served as a Circuit Court judge in Virginia's 30th Judicial Circuit. From February 2007 to June 2011, he served as

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a General District Court judge in Virginia's 30th Judicial District. From January 2004 to February 2007, he served as the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Wise County and the City of Norton, Virginia, during which time he was also appointed as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia. Judge Dotson is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

#### **Katherine Estes, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Katherine Estes was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Estes earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from Truman State University and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from the Antonin Scalia Law School. From July 2019 to November 2024, she served as the branch head for military personnel law, U.S. Marine Corps, at the Pentagon. From January 2017 to July 2019, she was the vice president/chief administrative officer for Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Arlington, Virginia. From August 1990 to September 2015, she served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, first as a financial management officer and later as a judge advocate. She also served as commanding officer. In 2015, she retired as the staff judge advocate for III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. Judge Estes is a member of the Kansas Bar and State Bar of Texas.

#### **Darin W. Flagg, Immigration Judge, Santa Ana Immigration Court**

Darin W. Flagg was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Flagg earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Tulane University School of Law. From March 2015 to February 2026, he was a senior associate and later associate partner and chair of the Law & Motion department at Murchison & Cumming LLP in Los Angeles. From February 2001 to March 2015, he was an associate and later partner at Water, McCluskey & Boehle in Los Angeles. Judge Flagg is a member of the State Bar of California.

#### **Melissa Fox, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Melissa Fox was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Fox earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2010 from Binghamton University and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from St. John's University School of Law. From December 2020 to February 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Philadelphia. From August 2017 to December 2020, she served as an asylum officer at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, in Chicago. Judge Fox is a member of the Illinois State Bar, New Jersey State Bar, and New York State Bar.

#### **John P. Fucetola, Immigration Judge, Sterling Immigration Court**

John P. Fucetola was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Fucetola earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2003 from George Washington University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from George Washington University Law School. From 2024 to 2026, he served as a counsel at the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. From 2022 to 2024, he served as an assistant state's attorney with the State's Attorney's Office for Charles

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County, Maryland. From 2021 to 2022, he served as an assistant bar counsel with the Office of Bar Counsel, Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland. Prior to this, he served as an assistant state's attorney with the State's Attorney's Office for Prince George's County, Maryland (2020-2021; 2007-2010). From 2016 to 2020, he served as a magistrate for the Commonwealth of Virginia. From 2014 to 2016, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. From 2010 to 2014, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. From 2006 to 2007, he served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Craig Iscoe in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Judge Fucetola is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

#### **Kevin Gross, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Kevin Gross was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Gross earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from the State University of New York at Binghamton and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary. From April 2021 to February 2026, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in Muskogee, Oklahoma. From December 2010 to April 2021, he worked for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as a deputy commonwealth's attorney (March 2017-April 2021) and as an assistant commonwealth's attorney (December 2010-March 2017). From November 2008 to December 2010, he served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Danville, Virginia. From October 2006 to October 2008, he served as a staff attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta. Judge Gross is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

#### **Dimple Gupta, Immigration Judge, Annandale Immigration Court**

Dimple Gupta was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Gupta earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from the University of Chicago and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Harvard Law School. From April 2025 to January 2026, she was the deputy general counsel at the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on Capitol Hill. From January 2020 to April 2025, she served as an attorney with the Office of General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency. From April 2019 to January 2020, she served as the senior counsel to the director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice. From August 2001 to January 2020, she served in the following positions: general counsel to U.S. Senator Pat Toomey; chief counsel for constitutional law at the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; counsel to the assistant attorney general for the Civil Division at DOJ; attorney in the appellate law group at the Securities and Exchange Commission; attorney at Covington & Burling; and judicial law clerk for Judge Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Gupta is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Massachusetts Bar.

#### **Jason Hermus, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Jason Hermus was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Hermus earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1994 from the University of North Texas, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Southern Methodist

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University. From November 2002 to February 2026, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in Dallas in various positions including as a trial prosecutor in numerous county and district courts, a division chief of the Public Integrity Division, chief of the Homicide Intake Unit, and in the last six years he served as a legal division director over the Gang/Community Response Division, the Organized Crime Division, the Specialized Crime Division, the Fraud and White Collar Crime Units, and the Elder Abuse Unit. Judge Hermus is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Linda Hristova, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Linda Hristova was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Hristova earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2006 from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Brooklyn Law School. From January 2026 to February 2026, she served as deputy bureau chief in the Trial Division, Street Safety Bureau, at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. From July 2022 to December 2025, she served as deputy bureau chief in the Grand Jury, Trial Bureau V, Orange Zone, at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. From February 2019 to June 2022, she served as senior assistant district attorney in the Investigations Division, Frauds Bureau, at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. From April 2017 to February 2019, she served as senior assistant district attorney in Trial Bureau III, Grey Zone, at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. From January 2010 to March 2017, she served as assistant district attorney in the Trial Bureau III, Grey Zone, at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. She was the recipient of the Robert M. Pitler Criminal Justice Post-Graduate Fellowship Award. Judge Hristova is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Paul N. Jones, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Paul N. Jones was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and History in 1995 from Menlo College, a Juris Doctor in 1999 from the University of New Mexico School of Law, a Master of Public Administration in 2000 from the University of New Mexico, and a Master of Laws in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2003 from George Washington University Law School. From February 2025 to March 2026, he served as assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Dallas and Laredo, Texas. From September 2025 to November 2025, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, in Alpine, Pecos, and Midland, Texas. From May 2023 to January 2024, he served as senior attorney at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in Austin, Texas. From January 2022 to January 2023, he served as partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Dallas. From April 2020 to January 2022, he served as senior assistant attorney general at the Texas Attorney General's Office in Austin, Texas. From August 2017 to September 2019, he served as an assistant general counsel with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. and Dallas. From December 2008 to September 2016, he served as general counsel at the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin, Texas. From September 2007 to November 2008, he served as a litigation attorney at ICE, DHS, in Dallas. From July 2001 to September 2007, he served as a

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litigation attorney at the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Washington, D.C. Judge Jones is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, District of Columbia Bar, State Bar of Massachusetts, Mississippi Bar, State Bar of New Mexico, and State Bar of Texas.

#### **Jared M. Kennedy, Immigration Judge, Conroe Immigration Court**

Jared M. Kennedy was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Kennedy earned a Bachelor of Science in 1998 from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctorate in 2016 from South Texas College of Law. From August 2020 to February 2026, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office in Conroe, Texas. From August 2019 to August 2020, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office in Richmond, Texas. From August 2016 to October 2017, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston. From December 2000 to April 2004, he served honorably in the U.S. Navy and was attached to the USS Constellation (CV-64). In August 2002, he earned his first Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for a dangerous nighttime high seas rescue as the ship's lead rescue swimmer. Judge Kennedy is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **C. Morgan Kim, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

C. Morgan Kim was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Kim earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government in 1994 from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, in 1999 from George Mason University School of Law. From 2025 to February 2026, she was the senior vice president of legal and corporate compliance at a publicly traded biotechnology company. From 2015 to 2025, she was in various legal, ethics, and compliance leadership roles in the private and public sectors. From 2013 to 2015, she served as the deputy inspector general with the Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce. From 2011 to 2013, she worked in-house for a financial services company. From 2006 to 2011, she served as the chief oversight counsel and deputy chief counsel on two separate committees in the U.S. House of Representatives. From 2001 to 2005, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. From 2000 to 2001, she was an associate at a Global Am Law firm. From August 1999 to September 2000, she served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth L. Ryskamp, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Judge Kim is a member of the State Bar of California and District of Columbia.

#### **James A. Klinedinst, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

James A. Klinedinst was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Klinedinst earned a Bachelor of Science in 2005 from Old Dominion University, a Master of Education in 2007 from Regent University, a Master of Arts in 2014 from the University of South Florida, and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from Western Michigan Thomas M. Cooley Law School. From October 2015 to October 2025, he served as an assistant staff judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan; and Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Judge Klinedinst

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holds the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Judge Klinedinst is a member of the Florida Bar.

#### **Anupriya Krishna, Immigration Judge, Sterling Immigration Court**

Anupriya Krishna was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Krishna earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from The Ohio State University, a Juris Doctor in 2007 from Cleveland State University, and a Master of Laws in 2012 from George Washington University Law School. From January 2025 to February 2026, she served as an associate general counsel with the Office of the General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, in Falls Church, Virginia. From May 2019 to January 2025, she was at EOIR's Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Virginia, serving in the following roles: senior panel attorney (March 2022-January 2025); supervisory attorney advisor (October 2020-March 2022); and attorney advisor (May 2019-October 2020). From January 2013 to May 2019, she served as an attorney advisor with the Office of Appellate Operations, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, U.S. Social Security Administration in Falls Church, Virginia. Judge Krishna is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

#### **Jill K. Krishnan, Immigration Judge, Detroit Immigration Court**

Jill K. Krishnan was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Krishnan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Vanderbilt University Law School. From March 2008 to March 2013, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Atlanta. From March 2006 to March 2008, she served as a staff attorney at the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. From October 2004 to September 2005, she served as a judicial law clerk at the Los Angeles Immigration Court, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Krishnan is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Kieran M. Lalor, Immigration Judge, Ulster Immigration Court**

Kieran M. Lalor was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Lalor earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1998 from the Providence College and a Juris Doctorate in 2007 from Pace University School of Law. From October 2018 to February 2026, he was the founding member of the Lalor Law Firm PLLC in Hopewell Junction, New York. From January 2013 to December 2022, he served as an assemblyman in the New York State Legislature, representing Dutchess County, New York. From May 2016 to September 2018, he was an attorney at Wallace & Wallace LLP in Poughkeepsie, New York. From January 2014 to April 2016, he was an attorney at Gaines Novick LLP in White Plains, New York. From January 2009 to June 2012, Judge Lalor was the assistant to the general counsel at American Defense Systems Inc. in Hicksville, New York. From 2000 to 2006, Judge Lalor was an infantryman in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and mobilized twice in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks deploying to Nasiriyah, Iraq, and also served in Norway, Ukraine, Japan, and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From 1998 to 2000, he taught social studies at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, New York. Judge Lalor is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Liviu Lungu, Immigration Judge, Miami (Krome) Immigration Court**

Liviu Lungu was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Lungu earned a Bachelor of Laws in 2002 and a Master's in e-Business in 2005 both from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law School. From 2017 to 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Miami, including an appointment as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. From 2015 to 2017, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Harlingen, Texas. From 2010 to 2015, he was an immigration attorney in private practice in Miami. Judge Lungu is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Robert L. Martin, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Robert L. Martin was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Martin earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from Saint Leo College, a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, and a Master of Laws in 2007 from the Army Judge Advocate General's School. From January 2024 to February 2026, he was the presiding judge of the Odessa Municipal Court in Odessa, Texas. From May 2015 to December 2023, he served as a senior attorney advisor at U.S. Army Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He previously served as an Army judge advocate until his retirement from active duty in May 2015. Judge Martin is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Alex G. Mason, Immigration Judge, Houston – Greenspoint Park Immigration Court**

Alex G. Mason was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Mason earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Linguistics in 2007 from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from Brigham Young University - J. Reuben Clark Law School. From November 2018 to February 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Tucson, Arizona (2020-2026) and Eloy, Arizona (2018-2020). From January 2014 to November 2018, he served as deputy county attorney at the Pima County Attorney's Office in Tucson. Judge Mason is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

**Matthew A. McLeod, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Matthew A. McLeod was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge McLeod earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from the University of Tennessee College of Law. From September 2020 to February 2026, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Texas in Lubbock, Texas. From January 2016 to September 2020, he served as an assistant district attorney in the Shelby County District Attorney's Office in Memphis, Tennessee. From December 2004 to January 2012, he served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. Judge McLeod is a member of the Tennessee Bar.

**Patrick E. Moore, Immigration Judge, Baton Rouge Immigration Court**

Patrick E. Moore was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Moore earned a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in History in 1986 from Tulane University and a Juris Doctorate in 1992 from the University of Mississippi School of Law. From June 2025 to February 2026, he was an assistant attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice in New Orleans. From June 2016 to June 2025, he served as a central panel administrative law judge for the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law. Judge Moore was previously in private practice for over 20 years. During that time and in addition to his regular law practice, he served as the mayor's court magistrate for the City of Covington (2002-2010) and as a hearing officer for the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (1997-2002). Judge Moore is a member of the Louisiana State Bar.

**Harold "Hal" Ronald Moroz, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Harold "Hal" Ronald Moroz was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Moroz earned a Bachelor of Science in 1979 from the University of the State of New York, a Graduate Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy in 1981 from St. John's University, and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of the District of Columbia School of Law. From December 2023 to December 2025, he served as a deputy chief assistant district attorney and special state prosecutor for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit in Camden County, Georgia. From October 2016 to October 2023, he served as a deputy chief assistant district attorney for the Dougherty Judicial Circuit in Albany, Georgia. From 2014 to 2016, he served as a staff attorney and acting judge for the Probate Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia. From 2006 to 2012, he was the vice president and academic dean for Florida Metropolitan University in Jacksonville. He also served as chief judge of the Municipal Court for St. Marys, Georgia, from 2003 to 2006, and as a magistrate judge for Camden County, Georgia, from 2001 to 2004. Judge Moroz is a retired U.S. Army officer, having served on active duty and in the reserves, and is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

**Revathi Muneer, Immigration Judge, Houston – Jefferson Street Immigration Court**

Revathi Muneer was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Muneer earned a Bachelor of Arts from Texas Christian University and a Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University School of Law. From 2024 to 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in San Francisco. From 2022 to 2024, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS, in El Paso. From 2002 to 2022, she served as an asylum officer, quality assurance trainer, policy adjudications officer, training officer, supervisory asylum officer, and fraud detection and national security immigration officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS. From 1996 to 2000, she served as an assistant district counsel with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, in Los Angeles. Judge Muneer is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Kyle Myers, Immigration Judge, El Paso Immigration Court**

Kyle Myers was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Myers earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Texas Tech University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of Houston Law Center. From September 2014 to February 2026, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the El Paso Division of the Western District of Texas. From January 2007 to September 2014, he served as an assistant district attorney for the 34th Judicial District Attorney's Office. In 2023, Judge Myers received the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Litigation Team. In 2026, for his work with Joint Task Force Alpha, Judge Myers received a Criminal Division AAG Award for the Advancement of Public Safety. Judge Myers is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Kiera Parikh, Immigration Judge, Houston – Jefferson Street Immigration Court**

Kiera Parikh was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Parikh earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Columbia University and a Juris Doctorate in 2006 from the University of Houston. From 2015 to 2026, she served as an associate division counsel with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the Houston Division. From 2009 to 2015, she served as an assistant general counsel with the FBI Office of General Counsel, National Security Law Branch in Washington, D.C. In 2008, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Judge Parikh is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**John A. Poore, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

John A. Poore was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Poore earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1999 from California State University, Chico, and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. From 2008 to 2024, he served as a senior deputy district attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office in Ventura, California. From 2000 to 2004, he served on active duty as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Judge Poore is a member of the Tennessee Bar.

**Adam Rodriguez, Immigration Judge, Harlingen Immigration Court**

Adam Rodriguez was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Rodriguez earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from the University of Texas at Brownsville and a Juris Doctorate in 2015 from Texas Tech University School of Law. From July 2016 to February 2026, he was an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Harlingen, Texas. From August 2015 to July 2016, he served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Micaela Alvarez, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Judge Rodriguez is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Juan Román, Immigration Judge, Omaha Immigration Court**

Juan Román was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Román earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2000 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Creighton University School of Law, and a Master of Laws in Military Law in 2012 from the U.S. Army Judge

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Advocate General's School. From February 2023 to February 2026, he served as assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Omaha, Nebraska. From October 2021 to February 2023, he served as chief counsel at the Nebraska Department of Education in Lincoln, Nebraska. From July 2020 to October 2021, he served as assistant chief counsel with DHS, in Seattle. From March 2019 to July 2020, he was a senior trial attorney at Allstate in Seattle. From 2003 to 2018, he served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army in various locations, including as a defense counsel, chief of military justice, senior legal advisor, chief of operational and international law, and deputy legal advisor for corrections. Judge Román is a member of the Nebraska State Bar.

#### **Robyn Ross, Immigration Judge, Aurora Immigration Court**

Robyn Ross was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Ross earned a Bachelor of Science in 1998 from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from the Pepperdine University School of Law. From March 2023 to November 2025, she was senior counsel, research director, and corporate secretary for Team Kennedy. From September 2019 to February 2023, she was Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s research director at Children's Health Defense. From August 2016 to June 2017, she was the assistant vice president of delivery for Mindcrest, an international legal services company in Pune, India. From March 2015 to April 2017, she served as counsel at Stanley Marketplace in Aurora, Colorado. Judge Ross is a member of the Colorado Bar.

#### **Jeffrey Sprague, Immigration Judge, Baltimore Immigration Court**

Jeffrey Sprague was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Sprague earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from Virginia Military Institute and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Louisiana State University. From February 2020 to February 2026, he served as an adjudications counsel and hearing officer with the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation. During this time, from December 2021 to June 2022, he also served a cross-modal detail assignment with the Federal Aviation Administration as an enforcement attorney, where he litigated civil penalty claims against unruly airline passengers. From January 2018 to February 2020, he was a trial attorney with the Civil Division, Torts Branch, CSTL/Vaccine Litigation Section, Department of Justice. From August 2006 to January 2018, he was a staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and he also served an appointment as an acting veteran's law judge from January to March 2017. Prior to law school, Judge Sprague served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1999 to 2003, where he was a missile combat crew commander for the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System (ICBM) at Minot AFB, North Dakota. Judge Sprague is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

#### **Eric Stransky, Immigration Judge, Omaha Immigration Court**

Eric Stransky was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Stransky earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from the University of Oakland and a Juris Doctorate in 2007 from the Ave Maria School of Law. From June 2016 to February 2026, he was an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal

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Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Minneapolis – St. Paul. From October 2007 to June 2016, he served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army. Judge Stransky is a member of the Iowa State Bar.

#### **Gordan S. Vincent, Immigration Judge, Baltimore Immigration Court**

Gordon S. Vincent was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Vincent earned a Bachelor of Arts, with high distinction, in 1979 from the University of Virginia, and a Juris Doctor in 1983 from the University of Virginia Law School. From July 2006 to December 2024, he served as chief judge of the general district courts of Accomack and Northampton Counties on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Upon retirement from this position, from January 2025 to February 2026, he served as a substitute judge in multiple courts in Virginia. In 2023, Judge Vincent received the annual recognition award from the Association of District Court Judges of Virginia for a career of volunteer service to the judicial branch and teaching at the state's school for new judges. From 1989 to June 2006, he was in private practice in Accomac, Virginia, first as a solo practitioner and later as a partner in Vincent, Northam & Lewis. From 1983 to 1989, he practiced law in Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Vincent is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

#### **Akash B. Vyas, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Akash B. Vyas was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Vyas earned a Bachelor of Science in 2004 from Purdue University and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law. From January 2024 to February 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Chicago. From November 2007 to December 2023, he served as an assistant state's attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago. Judge Vyas is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

#### **Jacob Weintraub, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Jacob Weintraub was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Weintraub earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 from the University of California at Berkeley and a Juris Doctor in 1987 from Fordham University School of Law. From February 2009 to February 2026, he served as an administrative law judge for the New York State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board in New York City. From April 1995 to October 2008, he served as special counsel and then director of legal collections at the New York State Insurance Fund in New York City. From August 1992 through April 1995, he was a solo practitioner in New York City. From September 1991 to July 1992, he served as attorney advisor to the Office of the U.S. Trustee, Department of Justice in New York, New York. From August 1987 to August 1991, he served as assistant district attorney in the Bronx, New York. Judge Weintraub is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Lian Yeh, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Lian Yeh was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in March 2026. Judge Yeh earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from State University of New York (SUNY) College at Geneseo and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from State University of New York

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(SUNY) Buffalo Law School. From 2020 to 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in the following locations: Port Isabel, Texas (2020-2023); Houston (2023-2026). From 2018 to 2020, he served as an attorney advisor with the Office of Hearing Operations, U.S. Social Security Administration, in Syracuse, New York. From 2017 to 2018, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, in Watertown, New York. From 2016 to 2017, he was an associate with the Law Offices of Kim & Associates in Flushing, New York. Judge Yeh is a member of the New York State Bar.

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