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EOIR Announces Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge, Administrative Law Judge, 37 Immigration Judges, and 4 Temporary Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the swearing in of a regional deputy chief immigration judge within the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, an administrative law judge within the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, 37 immigration judges, and 4 temporary immigration judges.

Chief Immigration Judge Teresa L. Riley delivered remarks and administered the oath of office during an investiture, which was held today at the Department of Justice's Great Hall in Washington, D.C.

"We are pleased to welcome Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Yamileth G. Davila to her leadership role at the immigration courts, Administrative Law Judge Paul M. Marian to the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, and the newest class of immigration judges and temporary immigration judges to the agency," said Acting EOIR Director Sirce E. Owen. "EOIR has brought on new classes of adjudicators each month since February and we remain thankful that so many talented individuals are interested in the important and vital work that we do each and every day."

After a thorough application process, Acting Attorney General Blanche appointed Yamileth G. Davila to her new position as a regional deputy chief immigration judge, Paul M. Marian to his new position as an administrative law judge, Donna M. Bates, Albert J. Charanza Jr., Demetrius Tavares Cheeks, J Ed Christiansen, William D. Dill, Bret J. Engstrom, Stephen W. Harrell, Raymond J. Hartsough, Jennifer A. Henry, James V. Ingold, Nicole M. Jergovic, Warren R. Kaufman, D. Allen Kenny, Benjamin S. Kuipers, Ashley N. Lassiter, Louis J. Luba, Jr., Joseph Lucas, Aaron S. Ludwig, Shawn McCarver, David A. Melanson, Mark S. Miller, Ryan C. Painter, Gurney F. Pearsall III, Matthew D. "Matt" Pember, Jeffrey L. Phillips, Michael S. Rapiejko, K. Kaylin Render, Alexander Benjamin Rubin, Julina Schaeffer, Nickolaus T. Schlegel, Sharon M. Schnelle, Joseph Paul Secola, Michael A. Sullivan, Toniann Territola, Russell Wardlow, Lauren B. Watson, and James M. Worley Jr. to their new positions as immigration judges, and Kai V. Bernal-LeClaire, Stephen J. Faherty, Terry M. Meinecke, and William L. Richards III to their new positions as temporary immigration judges.

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These new adjudicators undergo a robust training program. Please see each new judge's [biographical summary](#).

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