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EOIR Announces Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge, Administrative Law Judge, 35 Immigration Judges, and 3 Temporary Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review 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, 35 immigration judges, and 3 temporary immigration judges.

Acting Deputy Attorney General Trent McCotter 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.

"Your appointment is an investment in enforcing the immigration laws as Congress wrote them," said Acting Deputy Attorney General Trent McCotter. "Adjudicating these cases demands legal judgment, fairness, and independence. We are grateful you answered the call to serve in these critical positions as we restore integrity to our immigration system and the rule of law."

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Todd Blanche, while serving in an acting capacity, appointed Tracy Short to his new position as a regional deputy chief immigration judge, Joanne Elizabeth Johnson to her new position as an administrative law judge, James R. Abeshaus, Joseph A. Ahlemeyer, Joseph Q. Andelin, Ryan J. Byers, Mark Carter, Stephanie Cotton, Robert B. Daly, Veronique N. DeRouselle, Alison Fox, Brett R. Geiger, Niles Thomas Gerry, Bledar Gora, Marissa A. Hackert, James Hong, Andrew Hurd, Michael J. Hussey, Angela M. Kaul, Timothy P. Kelly Jr., Meghan K. Lackey, Adam H. Leonatti, Jeffrey T. McCluskey, Jan M. Merendino, Dixon M. Merkt, Grant M. Pattison, Brian J. Pearly, Angelica M. Powers, Shiv Sachdeva, Brian E. Salisbury, Michael C. Scharf Jr., Charles P. Schofield, Daniel K. Sherwood, Jorene Soto, Mark A. Tomicich, Eric Young, John J. Zachary to their new positions as immigration judges, and Matthew H. Davidhizar, Jason S. Frankenfield, and Daniel J. Mulhern to their new positions as temporary immigration judges.

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

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