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EOIR Announces Chief Immigration Judge, 27 Immigration Judges, and 5 Temporary Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the swearing in of the new chief immigration judge, 27 immigration judges, and 5 temporary immigration judges.

EOIR Acting Director Sirce E. Owen delivered remarks and Chief Immigration Judge Jamee E. Comans 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 Chief Immigration Judge Jamee E. Comans to her role leading our immigration courts," said Acting Director Owen. "Her appointment takes place at a time of historic growth. With this new class of immigration judges, EOIR has reached more than 800 immigration judges in its ranks, the highest level of immigration judges in the agency's history. Since January 2025, EOIR has reduced the backlog by over 678,000 cases and we are committed to bringing the total pending caseload down even further, while continuing to adhere to the rule of law."

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Todd Blanche appointed Jamee E. Comans to her new position as chief immigration judge, Ross J. Barlow, Christopher D. Bastian, Joshua E. Bird, Bard K. Brian, Gabriel M. Burgos Martinez, Elena Buruncenco, James S. Chase, David Cheuk, Silvia Delgado, Henry S. Dixon, Rebecca C. Duffin, Rebecca Dunn, Todd A. Durden, Joseph H. Garbarino, Arnold D. Greenstein, Katie Illingworth, Van H. Kyzar, Robert K. Lang, Sung H. Lee, Robert H. Moore, Kathryn Moryl, Jason A. Moscowitz, Kelsey L. Scanlon, Robert Schaefer, Erika Simpson, Ginger K. Vaudrey, and Matthew C. Watts to their new positions as immigration judges, and Elizabeth D. Anderson, Moises Castillo, Jack R. Hatfield II, Nicholas M. Jorge, and Joseph P. McCool 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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