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## **Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in Six New Board Members**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review today announced the investiture of six new Board members. Board of Immigration Appeals Vice Chairman Charles Adkins-Blanch presided over the investiture during a ceremony held Aug. 23, 2019, at EOIR headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia. All six Board members were appointed by Attorney General William Barr in August 2019.

Biographical information follows:

### **William A. Cassidy, Board Member**

Mr. Cassidy comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 1993, when he was initially appointed by former Attorney General Janet Reno. He received a Bachelor of Science in 1975 from Kenyon College and a Juris Doctorate in 1980 from John Marshall/Cleveland State University. From October 1993 to November 1996, Mr. Cassidy served as an immigration judge in New York, and from November 1996 to August 2019, he served as an immigration judge in Atlanta. From 1992 to 1993, he was in private practice with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, in Cleveland. From 1987 to 1992, he served as both general attorney and as director of training at the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1986 to 1987, and previously from 1981 to 1984, he served as an assistant county prosecutor for the Civil/Criminal Division with Cuyahoga County, Ohio. From 1984 to 1986, he served as law director/prosecutor with the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio. Mr. Cassidy is a member of the Ohio Bar.

### **V. Stuart Couch, Board Member**

Mr. Couch comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 2010, when he was initially appointed by former Attorney General Eric Holder. He received a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 1987 from Duke University, a Juris Doctor in 1996 from Campbell University, and a Master of Laws in litigation and dispute resolution in 2008 from The George Washington University. From October 2010 to August 2019, Mr. Couch served as an immigration judge in Charlotte, North Carolina. From 2009 to October 2010, he was in private practice in Charlotte, North Carolina. From 2006 to 2009, Mr. Couch served as a senior appellate judge on the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in the District of Columbia. From 2003 to 2006, he was assigned to the Department of Defense, Office of Military

Commissions as a senior prosecutor for select detainees held at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. From 2001 to 2003, he served as the chief trial counsel and military justice officer for Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Couch was in private practice and served as an assistant district attorney in Beaufort and New Bern, North Carolina. From 1996 to 1999, he served as the chief trial counsel and a special assistant U.S. attorney at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. Before attending law school, Mr. Couch served as a KC-130 pilot with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 (VMGR-252) at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point from 1989 to 1993. Mr. Couch is a member of the North Carolina State Bar.

**Deborah K. Goodwin, Board Member**

Ms. Goodwin comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 2017, after having been initially appointed by former Attorney General Loretta Lynch in 2016. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1986 from Wilson College and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. From February 2017 to August 2019, Ms. Goodwin served as an immigration judge in Miami. From 2015 to January 2017, she served as an associate legal advisor for the District Court Litigation Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in the District of Columbia. From 2007 through 2015, she served as an associate counsel for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, in San Francisco. From 2002 through 2007, she served as an assistant chief counsel for ICE, DHS, and former Immigration and Naturalization Service, in San Francisco. Ms. Goodwin is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Stephanie E. Gorman, Board Member**

Ms. Gorman comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 2017, after having been initially appointed by former Attorney General Loretta Lynch in 2016. She earned a Bachelor of Science in 1996 from California State University Sacramento, a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2005 from the University of San Diego School of Law. From February 2017 to August 2019, Ms. Gorman served as an immigration judge in Houston. From 2014 to January 2017, she served as an attorney and legal instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia, for the Office of the Chief Counsel, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). From 2008 through 2014, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS. From 2009 through 2012, she also served as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice (DOJ), in Orlando, Florida. From 2007 through 2008, she served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable M. James Lorenz, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, in San Diego. From March 2007 to September 2007, she served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Roger T. Benitez, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, in San Diego. From 2006 through 2007, she served as an assistant state attorney for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, in Sarasota, Fla. From 2003 through 2006, she served in various capacities on the faculty of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, including as visiting assistant professor of law and senior legal writing instructor and adjunct professor. From 2002 through 2004, she served as an associate attorney for the Law Office of Matthew P. Rocco, in

Carlsbad, California. Ms. Gorman is a member of the State Bar of California and the Florida Bar.

**Keith E. Hunsucker, Board Member**

Mr. Hunsucker comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 2010, when he was initially appointed by former Attorney General Eric Holder. He received a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 from the University of Akron and a Juris Doctorate in 1987 from the University of Akron School of Law. From August 2010 to September 2017, Mr. Hunsucker served as an immigration judge in Port Isabel, Texas. From September 2017 to August 2019, Mr. Hunsucker served as an immigration judge in Cleveland. From 2000 to August 2010, he worked as a senior instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Legal Division, Department of Homeland Security, in Glynco, Georgia. From 1992 to 2000, he worked as an attorney for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), in Atlanta. From 1989 to 1992, he was an attorney for the former INS in Harlingen, Texas. From April 1989 to September 1989, Mr. Hunsucker was a law clerk for the Ohio Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. From 1988 to 1989, he was in private practice. From 1987 to 1988, Mr. Hunsucker worked as an INS attorney in the Attorney General's Honors Program, in San Francisco. Mr. Hunsucker is a member of the Ohio State and District of Columbia Bars.

**Earle B. Wilson, Board Member**

Mr. Wilson comes to the Board after serving as an immigration judge since 2005, when he was initially appointed by former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. He received a Bachelor of Science in 1979 from Atlantic Union College and a Juris Doctorate in 1989 from Howard University School of Law. From October 2005 to July 2007, Mr. Wilson served as an immigration judge in Miami; from July 2007 to April 2010, he served as an immigration judge in Orlando, Florida; and from April 2010 to August 2019, he served as an immigration judge in Atlanta. From 1998 to 2004, he served as a senior litigation counsel and trial attorney with the Office of Immigration Litigation, Department of Justice, in the District of Columbia. From 1996 to 1998, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Maryland. From 1992 to 1996, he served as senior counsel at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the District of Columbia. From 1990 to 1992, he was an associate attorney with the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, in Detroit. From 1989 to 1990, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit in Tallahassee, Florida. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

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