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EOIR Announces 47 Immigration Judges and 6 Temporary Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the swearing in of 47 immigration judges and 6 temporary immigration judges.

EOIR Acting Director Sirce E. Owen and the Honorable Bryan P. Stirling, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, delivered remarks, and Chief Immigration Judge Teresa L. Riley administered the oath of office during an investiture, which was held today at the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

"We are pleased that the agency is continuing to attract highly qualified and dedicated individuals to join the immigration judge corps," said Acting Director Owen. "Immigration judge positions are critical to the Administration's goal of reducing the immigration court backlog, and to restoring integrity to our immigration system."

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Todd Blanche appointed John C. Allison, Dana D. Babbin, Jackson Beach, Jeannette M. Bernstein, Brian J. Boyd, James J. Cavagnaro, Loren Craft, Jordan D'Angelo, Ernie Dukes, Samantha Diane Ellis, Daniel Fellhauer, Zachary N. Godsey, Andrea Goode, Robert L. Gray Jr., Luis R. Guzman, M. Keiling (Keil) Hackley, Shawn P. Hammond, Melissa Handke, Hector Hernandez Jr., Felicia Holloman, Natasha Howard, David W. Illingworth II, Adam J. Jaffe, Fahimeh Kennedy, Shelly M. Kennedy, Christy J. Kisner, Dennis B. Kohlhoff Jr., William R. LaFleur II, David S. Lo, Debbie López-Carr, Jared L. Matte, Rory McGarry, Reynaldo Padilla Morin, James C. Plott, Latosha M. Powell, Yeshaya Poyurs, Veronika N. Rabon, Laura Allison Ramos, Kristina Reeves, Michele M. Renteria, Jose G. Rodriguez-Rosado, Thomas G. Shaia, Kerry Anne Vales, Anthony C. Williams, Traci Lee Cox Winder, Chak L. Wong, and Margaret L. Wright to their new positions as immigration judges and Mark D. Baker, Thomas P. Belsky, Jeremy R. Brooks, Brian T. Frees, Kevin L. Hoffman, and Jesse Schaefer 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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