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Baltimore Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremonies

BALTIMORE – Immigration Judge John F. Gossart, Jr., from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Baltimore Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of citizenship during two naturalization ceremonies for approximately 150 candidates today at the George H. Fallon Federal Building.

The ceremonies were hosted by the Baltimore District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

John F. Gossart, Jr., was appointed as an immigration judge in October 1982. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1967 from the University of Maryland and a juris doctorate in 1974 from the University of Baltimore School of Law. From 1975 through 1982, Judge Gossart served in various positions at the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, including general attorney, trial attorney, and Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Naturalization. Since 1997, he has served as an adjunct professor of immigration law at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and has guest lectured at numerous law schools and for the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers. Also since 1997, he has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College. Judge Gossart served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. He is a member of both the Maryland and District of Columbia bars.

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