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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office in Boston

BOSTON - Robin E. Feder was sworn in today as an immigration judge for the Boston Immigration Court during an investiture ceremony at 1:30 p.m. at the U.S. Immigration Court, JFK Federal Building. Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

Judge Feder joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 54 immigration courts throughout the nation. Immigration judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, immigration judges completed more than 300,000 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

Robin E. Feder was appointed as an immigration judge in November 2006. She received bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish and French in 1980 from the University of Illinois and a juris doctorate in 1983 from George Washington University. Judge Feder studied at Universidad Ibero-Americana, Mexico City, Mexico, in 1976; Universidad de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, from 1977 to 1978; and the Sorbonne, Paris, France, from 1979 to 1980. From April 1996 to November 2006, Judge Feder was an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Rhode Island, serving as the Chief of the Civil Division from April 1996

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to January 2005. Judge Feder served as an Assistant Attorney General from January 1987 to August 1990 and as Chief of the Civil Division from August 1990 to April 1996 at the Department of Attorney General, state of Rhode Island. She was in private practice in Providence, R.I., and Chicago from November 1983 to January 1987. She is a member of the Rhode Island and Illinois bars.

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EOIR is responsible for adjudicating immigration cases. Specifically, under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR interprets and administers the federal immigration laws by conducting immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR consists of three components: the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, which is responsible for managing the numerous immigration courts located throughout the United States where immigration judges adjudicate individual cases; the Board of Immigration Appeals, which primarily conducts appellate reviews of immigration judge decisions; and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, which adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to providing the fair, expeditious, and uniform application of the nation's immigration laws in all cases.

Information about EOIR immigration proceedings is available on EOIR's website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/press/subject.htm>.