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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office
In Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – William L. Nixon was sworn in today as an immigration judge during an investiture ceremony at 12 p.m. at the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah. Chief Immigration Judge Michael J. Creppy, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office. Guest speakers included Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah and Paul Warner, U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah.

Judge Nixon joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 53 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.


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