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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office In Lancaster

LANCASTER, Ca. - Ted A. White was sworn in today as an immigration judge during an investiture ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Lancaster Immigration Court. Acting Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

Judge White joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 52 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.

Ted A. White was appointed as an immigration judge in June 2006. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1983 from Marshall University and a juris doctorate in 1990 from the University of Puget Sound, Seattle University School of Law. Judge White served as an administrative law judge for the state of West Virginia from 2001 to 2006. Judge White served as a public defender for McDowell County, W.Va., from 1997 to about 2001. He is a member of the Washington and West Virginia 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>.