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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces New Process for Filing Immigration Judge Complaints

FALLS CHURCH, Va., – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced today that it has improved the transparency of its system for addressing complaints about immigration judges.

In addition to the latest improvement to the system mentioned below, EOIR's Office of the Chief Immigration Judge regularly monitors immigration judge performance and conduct through its performance management program and through its daily supervision of the courts.

EOIR's home page now contains a link to a summary of the complaint process, along with a flow chart and instructions for filing a complaint. In the near future, the website will also include statistics related to the numbers and types of complaints filed and how they were resolved.

“The Office of the Chief Immigration Judge is constantly evaluating the way we administer the courts and how we serve the public,” said Chief Immigration Judge Brian O’Leary. “We are committed to ensuring that any allegations against our immigration judges are investigated and resolved in a fair and expeditious manner.”

Assistant Chief Immigration Judge MaryBeth Keller manages the Immigration Judge Conduct and Professionalism program. For more information, visit the Immigration Judge Conduct and Professionalism website at <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/sibpages/IJConduct/IJConduct.htm>.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — whom the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.