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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in New Immigration Judge

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the investiture of a new immigration judge who will join the immigration judge corps in Atlanta, Ga. Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Michael C. McGoings presided over the investiture during a ceremony held at EOIR’s headquarters on June 10, 2011.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Madeline Garcia to her new position.

“We are pleased to welcome Immigration Judge Garcia to our already strong immigration judge corps,” said Chief Immigration Judge Brian M. O’Leary. “Her arrival at our Atlanta Immigration Court is part of our ongoing efforts to better meet the needs of the people we serve.”

Biographical information follows.

Madeline Garcia, Immigration Judge, Atlanta Immigration Court

Judge Garcia received a bachelor of arts degree in 1988 from the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico and her juris doctorate in 1992 from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, School of Law. From 1996 to May 2011, she was in private practice dedicated exclusively to immigration law, most recently as a sole practitioner at the Law Office of Madeline Garcia, P.A. From 2000 to 2002, she served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Puerto Rico, School of Law, heading the Legal Aid Clinic on asylum. From 1992 to 1996, Judge Garcia was an associate at Indiano & Williams, a federal civil litigation firm in Puerto Rico. Judge Garcia is a member of the Puerto Rico Bar.

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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 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.