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EOIR Announces the Newest Member of the Board of Immigration Appeals

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced today that Attorney General Eric Holder has appointed Michael J. Creppy to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). Mr. Creppy will begin work at the BIA on February 28, 2011.

Mr. Creppy has served as EOIR's chief administrative hearing officer since April 2006. From May 1994 to April 2006, he served as chief immigration judge, overseeing the numerous immigration courts around the country. Prior to joining EOIR, he worked for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in various capacities: from 1988 to 1994, in the Office of the General Counsel as deputy general counsel for litigation; from 1986 to 1988, as associate general counsel primarily focusing on the employer sanctions and anti-discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and from 1984 to 1986, as chief legal officer for the INS district office in Los Angeles. From 1983 to 1984, Mr. Creppy served as a trial attorney with the Office of Immigration Litigation, part of the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Civil Division. From 1981 to 1983, he was a trial attorney for the former INS district office in New York, N.Y. Prior to joining DOJ, Mr. Creppy served from 1979 to 1981 as a judicial law clerk for the Superior Court for the District of Columbia. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1975 from Fisk University, a juris doctorate in 1978 from Howard University School of Law and a masters of law degree in 1979 from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Creppy is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

The BIA is responsible for hearing appeals of decisions rendered by immigration judges in removal cases brought by the Department of Homeland Security. It is the highest administrative body for interpreting and applying federal immigration laws.

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