

## **Temporary Board Members**

*As authorized by 8 C.F.R. § 1003(a)(4), the Director of EOIR may designate immigration judges, retired Board members, retired immigration judges, and current or retired EOIR administrative law judges to act as temporary Board members. With the approval of the Deputy Attorney General, the Director may also designate senior EOIR attorneys who have at least ten years of experience in the field of immigration law. All temporary Board members listed here have been approved by the Deputy Attorney General.*

*A temporary Board member has the authority of a permanent Board member to adjudicate case assigned to him or her, except that no temporary Board member may vote on any matter decided by the Board en banc, such as the publication of precedent cases.*

### **Joan B. Geller**

Joan B. Geller has served as an attorney advisor at the Board since 2003 and is a member of the Board's training faculty. She received her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her J.D. from Georgetown University. Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Geller served for seven years with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, first as a staff attorney and later as a Deputy Staff Counsel. She is a member of the D.C. and Maryland bars.

### **Hope M. Holiona**

Hope M. Holiona has been an attorney at the Board since 1989. She received her B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles and her J.D. from George Washington University. During her tenure at the Board, Ms. Holiona has served in multiple capacities, including attorney advisor, supervisory Team Leader and Senior Panel Attorney. From 2009 to 2011, she served with the EOIR Office of the General Counsel. Prior to joining the Board, she worked in a Washington DC law firm specializing in immigration law. She is a member of the Virginia bar.

### **Margaret M.R. O'Herron**

Sharon Margaret M.R. O'Herron has served as an attorney advisor at the Board since 1994 where she began her legal career through the Attorney General's Honors Program. She received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College and her J.D. from Georgetown University. Ms. O'Herron is a member of the Board's training faculty and has served as a mentor to new attorneys at the Board. She is a member of the D.C. and Maryland bars.