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Baltimore Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

BALTIMORE -- Immigration Judge John F. Gossart, Jr., from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Baltimore Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of allegiance to approximately 75 candidates during a naturalization ceremony at the George H. Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore, Md., on May 13, 2011. The Baltimore District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, hosted the ceremony.

Biographical Information

Attorney General William French Smith appointed Judge Gossart in October 1982. Judge Gossart received a bachelor of science degree in 1967 from the University of Maryland and a juris doctorate in 1974 from the University of Baltimore School of Law. From 1975 through 1982, Judge Gossart served in various positions at the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, including general attorney, trial attorney, and Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Naturalization. Since 1997, he has served as an adjunct professor of immigration law at the University of Baltimore School of Law, has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College, and has guest lectured at numerous law schools and for the Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers. Judge Gossart served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. He is a member of the State of Maryland and District of Columbia Bars.

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