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### **Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in 14 Immigration Judges**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the investiture of 14 new immigration judges. Chief Immigration Judge MaryBeth Keller presided over the investiture during a ceremony held April 7, 2017, at EOIR headquarters in Falls Church, Va.

After a thorough application process, former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Justin F. Adams, Edward M. Barcus, Paula J. Donnolo, Lauren T. Farber, Paul M. Habich, Cara O. Knapp, Maria Lurye, Anthony E. Maingot, Sarah B. Mazzie, Matthew E. Morrissey, An Mai Nguyen, Sean D. Santen, Stuart A. Siegel, and Gwendylan E. Tregerman to their new positions.

“We are happy to welcome these 14 appointees to our growing immigration judge corps,” said Keller. “These new immigration judges will enhance the agency’s ability to process detained cases, our highest priority, while also strengthening the agency’s capacity to address its broader pending caseload.”

Biographical information follows.

#### **Justin F. Adams, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Justin F. Adams to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Adams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1999 from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Suffolk University Law School. He served as deputy chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security from February 2011 to March 2017, and as an assistant chief counsel from 2007 to 2011. From 2004 through 2007, he was an attorney for the U.S. Air Force. Judge Adams is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

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**Edward M. Barcus, Immigration Judge, Imperial Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Edward M. Barcus to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Barcus earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 from Austin College and a Juris Doctor in 1988 from the University of Texas School of Law. He has been the interim executive director of Iron Gate in Tulsa, Okla., since November 2016. From 2015 through 2016, he was a conflict consultant for Concord Consultants Inc. From 2012 through 2015, he was a district judge for the Tulsa County District Court. From 2003 to 2012, he was a special judge for the State of Oklahoma, serving as Vice Chief Judge of the Family Division, Tulsa County District Court, from 2010 to 2012. From 2000 through 2003, he served as the first Family Court Referee for Tulsa County. Judge Barcus is a member of the Oklahoma Bar.

**Paula J. Donnolo, Immigration Judge, New York City Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Paula J. Donnolo to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Donnolo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968 from St. John's University and a Juris Doctor in 1980 from New York Law School. From 2001 to January 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security in New York, N.Y. From 1991 through 2001, she served as general corporate counsel for ATC Real Estate Development Corporation. From 1981 to 1983, she was a litigation attorney at the Teamster Local 237 Legal Services Plan. Judge Donnolo is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Lauren T. Farber, Immigration Judge, Varick Street Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Lauren T. Farber to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Farber earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999 from Washington University in St. Louis and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from the American University Washington College of Law. From 2010 through 2017, she served as a senior attorney for the Office of the Chief Counsel (OCC), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in New York, N.Y. From 2003 to 2010, she served as an assistant chief counsel for OCC, ICE, DHS. Judge Farber is a member of the New York and New Jersey State Bars.

**Paul M. Habich, Immigration Judge, Imperial Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Paul M. Habich to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Habich earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2004 from The University of Wisconsin–Madison and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. From June 2009 to March 2017, he served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security. From 2008 to 2009, he was an associate attorney with the law firm Lathrop & Clark LLP, in Madison, Wis. From 1996 through 2000, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Judge Habich is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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**Cara O. Knapp, Immigration Judge, Florence Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Cara O. Knapp to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Knapp earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1997 from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. From September 2002 through March 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security. From 2001 to 2002, she clerked for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Michael D. Ryan. Judge Knapp is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

**Maria Lurye, Immigration Judge, New York City Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Maria Lurye to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Lurye earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2001 from Rutgers University–New Brunswick and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the Rutgers School of Law–Newark. From 2008 to January 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security in New York, N.Y. She was previously an associate attorney with the Kuba Law Firm in New York City. Judge Lurye is a member of the New Jersey and New York State Bars.

**Anthony E. Maingot, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Anthony E. Maingot to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Maingot earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981 from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor in 1991 from The University of Miami School of Law. From September 2008 through March 2017, he served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, Tucson, Department of Justice. From 1997 to January 2017, he served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security in Miami, Fla. From 1991 through 1997, he served as an assistant public defender in the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office. Judge Maingot is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Sarah B. Mazzie, Immigration Judge, Miami Krome Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Sarah B. Mazzie to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Mazzie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2002 from The University of Wisconsin–Madison and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the DePaul University College of Law. From 2014 to March 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Fort Snelling, Minn., and from 2011 to 2014 in Lumpkin, Ga. Judge Mazzie practiced law in Madison, Wis., as a partner in her own firm Gennerman, Mazzie-Briscoe Law Group from 2008 through 2011, and as an associate attorney with Sipsma, Hahn & Brophy from 2007 to 2008. From 2006 through 2007, she served as an immigration attorney for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Judge Mazzie is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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**Matthew E. Morrissey, Immigration Judge, Omaha Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Matthew E. Morrissey to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Morrissey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001 from Saint Louis University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the Creighton University School of Law. From 2008 to March 2017, he served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Omaha, Neb. From January 2004 to 2008, he was an associate attorney with Chandra Law Office. Judge Morrissey is a member of the Nebraska State Bar and the Missouri Bar.

**An Mai Nguyen, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed An Mai Nguyen to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Nguyen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1996 from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Southwestern Law School. From March 2007 to March 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Las Vegas, Nev. During this post, she served as special assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Nevada from 2009 to 2011. From 2000 through 2003, she served as an assistant district counsel for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, in Los Angeles, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Nguyen is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Sean D. Santen, Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court**

Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Sean D. Santen to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Santen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a Master of Arts in 2003 from American University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. From September 2008 to March 2017, he served as an assistant regional counsel at the Office of General Counsel, Social Security Administration, in Boston, Mass. From 2006 through 2008, he served as a Judicial Law Clerk and Attorney Advisor for the San Antonio Immigration Court, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Santen is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

**Stuart A. Siegel, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Stuart A. Siegel to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Siegel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor in 1987 from the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. From December 1997 to March 2017, he served as an Assistant Chief Counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security in Pompano Beach, Fla. From 1994 to 1997 he was an associate attorney with Adorno & Zeder, PA, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

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From 1992 to 1994 he served as an administrative law judge for the New York City Department of Transportation. Prior to that role, he was a solo practitioner at the law offices of Stuart A. Siegel, Esq. Judge Siegel also served as assistant district attorney for Nassau County, N.Y., from 1987 to 1992. He was commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserves, Judge Advocate General in September 1994, and continues to serve. Judge Siegel is a member of the Florida Bar and the New York State Bar.

**Gwendylan E. Tregerman, Immigration Judge, Atlanta Immigration Court**

Former Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch appointed Gwendylan E. Tregerman to begin hearing cases in April 2017. Judge Tregerman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stony Brook University in 1992 and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from the Boston University School of Law. From August 2002 to March 2017, she worked for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Boston, Mass., serving as deputy chief counsel from 2013 to 2017, senior attorney from 2007 to 2013, and assistant chief counsel from 2002 to 2007. Prior to these roles, she was a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta, Ga., from 1997 to 2000, and served as acting supervisory staff attorney from 2000 to 2001. Judge Tregerman is a member of the New York State Bar, the Massachusetts Bar, and the State Bar of Georgia.

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