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EOIR Appoints New General Counsel

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced that Robin M. Stutman has been appointed as General Counsel for EOIR.

Robin M. Stutman was appointed as General Counsel in August 2009. From August 1987 to August 2009, Ms. Stutman served in the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, Civil Rights Division, DOJ, as a special litigation counsel, supervisory attorney, and senior trial attorney. From March 1986 to July 1987, she was in private practice. From October 1982 to January 1986, Ms. Stutman worked as a trial attorney in the Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, DOJ, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. From January to May 1981, she served as an intern to the Honorable Joyce Hens Green, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Ms. Stutman is a member of the District of Columbia bar.

Ms. Stutman received a bachelor of arts degree in 1978 from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a juris doctorate in 1982 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law.

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) provides legal advice on a wide variety of matters involving EOIR. The OGC staff coordinates the development of agency regulations, reviews and comments on legislation, and responds to all Freedom of Information and Privacy Act requests. In addition, OGC is the designated point of contact regarding Standards of Conduct and other ethics guidance for all EOIR employees. OGC is also charged with administering EOIR's Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Attorney Discipline Program, and the Fraud Program, and with supervising the Certification Unit.

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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—who are charged by the Department of Homeland Security with

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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.