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EOIR Announces 3 Appellate Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the investiture of three Appellate Immigration Judges who were sworn in during a ceremony at EOIR headquarters on Aug. 28, 2025.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Pamela Bondi appointed Sheila E. Gallow, Marcos Gemoets, and Kathleen K. Volkert to their new positions.

Biographical information is as follows:

Sheila E. Gallow, Appellate Immigration Judge

Attorney General Pamela Bondi appointed Sheila E. Gallow as an Appellate Immigration Judge in August 2025. Judge Gallow earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2003 from Auburn University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law. From January 2020 to August 2025, she served as an Immigration Judge at the Atlanta – Ted Turner Drive Immigration Court. From 2016 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Atlanta. From 2011 to 2016, she served as the chief assistant district attorney in the Atlanta Judicial Circuit. From 2012 to 2020, she also served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Army Reserves, serving as an administrative law attorney, trial counsel, legal advisor for FEMA Region IV, and brigade judge advocate in the following locations: Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Fort Benning, Georgia. From 2007 to 2011, she served as an assistant attorney general with the Office of Georgia Attorney General, in Atlanta. From 2007 to 2011, she served as an assistant attorney general with the Office of Georgia Attorney General, in Atlanta. Judge Gallow is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

Marcos Gemoets, Appellate Immigration Judge

Attorney General Pamela Bondi appointed Marcos Gemoets as an Appellate Immigration Judge in August 2025. Judge Gemoets earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from St. Mary's School of Law. From June 2025 to August 2025, he served as a Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge. From August 2017 to June 2025, he served as an Immigration Judge at the Houston – Jefferson Street Immigration Court, formerly known as the Houston – Smith Street Immigration Court, and during this time, from February 2020 to January 2021, he served as a Temporary Appellate Immigration

Judge. From 2011 to 2017, he was an attorney at the Law Office of Marcos Gemoets PC, in Houston. From 2007 to 2011, he was in private practice in Chicago. From 2006 to 2007, he was a senior policy analyst for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. From 2003 to 2006, he was an attorney, then director of immigration services, for the Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio. In 2003, he was in private practice, also in San Antonio. Judge Gemoets is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Kathleen K. Volkert, Appellate Immigration Judge

Attorney General Pamela Bondi appointed Kathleen K. Volkert as an Appellate Immigration Judge in August 2025. Judge Volkert earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from Arizona State University and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Albany Law School of Union University. From May 2007 to January 2010, and October 2015 to August 2025, she served as a trial attorney at the Office of Immigration Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice. During this time, from January 2025 to August 2025, she served as a senior advisor at the Office of the Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice. From 2003 to 2007, she served on active duty with the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, both as a legal defense and legal assistance attorney in Pensacola, Florida, and an administrative law attorney in Washington, D.C. Judge Volkert is a member of the New York State Bar, the Connecticut Bar, the Virginia State Bar, and the State Bar of Texas.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review is an agency within the Department of Justice. EOIR's mission is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all cases it adjudicates.