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## **EOIR Announces 77 Immigration Judges and 5 Temporary Immigration Judges *Largest Class in Agency's History***

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the swearing in of 77 immigration judges and 5 temporary immigration judges – the largest class of new adjudicators in EOIR's history, growing the total immigration judge corps to nearly 700. EOIR has hired 153 permanent immigration judges this fiscal year, the most in any single year in the agency's history.

Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche and EOIR Director Daren K. Margolin delivered remarks, and Chief Immigration Judge Teresa L. Riley administered the oath of office during an investiture, which was held May 20, 2026, at the Department of Justice's Great Hall in Washington, D.C.

"The Trump administration is committed to reestablishing an immigration judge corps that is dedicated to restoring the rule to the law in our nation's immigration system," said Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche. "Today, we are onboarding the largest immigration judge class in agency history. This could only happen thanks to President Trump's decisive leadership and commitment to securing our borders. I also applaud EOIR's leadership team for helping facilitate these hiring efforts and recruiting highly qualified and talented personnel in record time."

After a competitive application process, the Acting Attorney General appointed Lucas I. Abbott, Shawn J. Abraham, Matthew N. Andrasko, Lauren M. Black, Christopher W. Bragg, Bradley R. Burke, André Carman, Brent Carr, Steven S. Chase, Kamra Sellers Craig, Jerome M. Day, Deborah D. Dictson, Richard J. Douglas, Meredith Duff, Bradly P. Duvall, Robert G. Eastman, Megan H. Eyes, Peter C. Faerber, Omar J. Famada, Terexa Fan, Thomas B. Fighter, Kenneth Flesch, Christopher R. Ford, Mary Foster, Kathryn E. Frames, Johanna Gaymer, Taylor A. Gillespie, James K. Globber, David J. Green, Jared L. Grimmer, Michael J. Gross, Benedict "Ben" S. Gullo, Damona Taef Hakimian, Shannon R. Holderfield, Richard S. Holloway, Kimberly B. Jeter, Graciela M. Jiron, Frank A. Jury II, Denise Kallas, Nadeem R. Kasam, Jean M. Kilker, Clayton M. Lawrence, Kerri N. Lechtrecker, Adrien Lee-Lo, Kieth E. Lipiec, Joseph Martinez, Robert A. McBride, Zachary McFarland, John E. Moriarty, Craig A. Newell Jr., Michael Matthew Osterberg, Robert G. Palmer, Jonathan Daniel Pelletier, Bayleigh J. Pettigrew, Anthony A. Picione, Jaime Poarch, Keira A. Poellet, Bill Radin,

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James M. Rice, Phoebe D. Riner, Jeremy A. Rovinsky, Sarah Sawwan, Thomas J. Shusted Jr., Paul Edmond Stephan, Rhonda M. Tucker, Amy Sigmon Walker, Natalie Walker, Matthew C. Wallace, Patricia Walter, Eric Wang, Wayne J. Warf, Thomas C. Weisert, Jennifer S. Wells, Nicole I. Wells, Devin A. Winklosky, Daniel J. Wright, and Maureen H. Zumwalt to their new positions as immigration judges, and Casey S. Caton, Paul J. Hornick, Kiley R. Hyatt, Jared J. Monaco, and Lisa M. Strader to their new positions as temporary immigration judges.

Reducing the immigration court backlog remains one of the highest priorities for the agency. Since January 20, 2025, EOIR has completed more than 1.08 million cases and has reduced its pending caseload in immigration courts by more than 447,000 cases, bringing the pending caseload down from approximately 4 million to under 3.53 million, the sharpest decrease in caseload in EOIR's history.

All EOIR immigration judges, including temporary immigration judges, undergo the same robust training program. Biographical information with their qualifications and court assignments for each new judge can be found on EOIR's [webpage](#).

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## **EOIR Announces 77 Immigration Judges and 5 Temporary Immigration Judges** *Biographical Information*

### **Immigration Judges**

#### **Lucas I. Abbott, Immigration Judge, Omaha Immigration Court**

Lucas I. Abbott was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Abbott earned a Bachelor of Science in 2017 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a Juris Doctor in 2020 from Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law, a Master of Arts in 2022 from Liberty University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in 2026 from Liberty University. From January 2026 to April 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Atlanta, where he represented the government in immigration proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review. From January 2021 to January 2026, he served as an attorney and managing partner at Shield Wall Legal PC in Maryville, Tennessee, where his practice included criminal defense, probate contests, real estate matters, employment matters, and constitutional claims. From October 2017 to March 2020, he served at Tennessee Youth Court in Alcoa, where he supported youth-court interventions and compliance monitoring. Judge Abbott is a member of the Tennessee Bar and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

#### **Shawn J. Abraham, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Shawn J. Abraham was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May of 2026. Judge Abraham earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies in 2008 from Trinity International University and a Juris Doctorate in 2011 from the Oklahoma City University, College of Law. From November of 2025 to April 2026, he was an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Chicago. From January of 2012 to October of 2025, he served as an assistant state's attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago. Judge Abraham is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

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### **Matthew N. Andrasko, Immigration Judge, Portland Immigration Court**

Matthew N. Andrasko was appointed as an immigration judge in May of 2026 after serving as a temporary immigration judge first at the Salt Lake City Immigration Court from October to November 2025, and then at the El Paso Immigration Court from November 2025 to April 2026. Judge Andrasko earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctorate in 2009 from Texas Tech University School of Law. From 2015 to April 2026, he served as an attorney advisor to the U.S. Air Force. From 2011 to 2015, he served as an assistant district attorney at the 9th Judicial District in Eastern New Mexico. From 2009 to 2011, he served as an assistant public defender at the New Mexico Public Defender's Office. Since 2003, Judge Andrasko has been a commissioned military officer in the U.S. Army and then the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. Judge Andrasko is a member of the State Bar of New Mexico.

### **Lauren M. Black, Immigration Judge, Concord Immigration Court**

Lauren M. Black was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Black earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2010 from Chapman University and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from Pepperdine University School of Law. From September 2023 to April 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in San Francisco. From January 2022 to September of 2023, and from April 2018 to August 2019, she served as an asylum officer at the San Francisco Asylum Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS. From November of 2019 to January of 2022, she was an attorney with Martinez Law Group in Sacramento, California. From January to March of 2018, she was an attorney at Verma Law Firm in San Jose, California, and from April 2015 to August 2017 she was an attorney at Centro De Ayuda Para Inmigrantes (CALI), in Santa Clara, California. Judge Black is a member of the State Bar of California.

### **Christopher W. Bragg, Immigration Judge, Charlotte Immigration Court**

Christopher W. Bragg was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Bragg earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1983 from North Carolina Wesleyan College, and a Juris Doctor in 1986 from the University of North Carolina School of Law. From 1994 to April 2026, he served the State of North Carolina as an emergency superior court judge (November 2019 to April 2026), a superior court judge (January 2011 to August 2019), and a district court judge (May 1994 to December 2010). From December 1990 to May 1994, he served as an assistant district attorney for the North Carolina 20th Prosecutorial District. From January 1987 to January 1991, he served as a judge

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advocate with the U.S. Marine Corps. Judge Bragg is a member of the North Carolina Bar and the Cherokee Supreme Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

#### **Bradley R. Burke, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Bradley R. Burke was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Burke earned a Bachelor of General Studies in 1998 from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the University of Kansas School of Law. From October 2018 to April 2026, he served as the regional director with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, in Kansas City, Missouri. From September 2012 to October 2018, he served as the deputy secretary and chief attorney at the Kansas Department of Labor in Topeka. From January 2011 to January 2013, he served as a chief attorney for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority in Topeka. From January 2007 to January 2011, he served as an assistant district attorney and a special assistant U.S. attorney in Johnson County, Kansas. From January 2005 to January 2007, he served as an assistant attorney general in Topeka, Kansas. From May 2001 to January 2005, he served as an assistant district attorney in Douglas County, Kansas. From May 2015 to October 2018, he served as a pro tem municipal court judge in Topeka, and from May 2011 to October 2018, he served as a pro tem municipal court judge in Lawrence, Kansas. Judge Burke is a member of the Kansas Bar, the Federal District Court - District of Kansas Bar, and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

#### **André Carman, Immigration Judge, Denver Immigration Court**

André Carman was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Carman earned a Bachelor of Science in 1998 from Northern Arizona University, a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and a Master of Laws in Taxation in 2003 from the University of Washington School of Law. From June 2003 to April 2026, he was in private law practices in Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona. From June 2025 to October 2025, he served as a pro tem judge for local municipal and justice of the peace courts in Yavapai County, Arizona. Judge Carman is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

#### **Brent Carr, Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court**

Brent Carr was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Carr earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1975 from the University of Tampa and a Juris Doctor in 1983 from South Texas College of Law. From 1983 to January 2022, he was with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas, first serving as an assistant district attorney through 1991, before assuming the position of presiding judge of Tarrant County Criminal Court Nine. During this time, he also served as the local administrative judge for all county courts for 20 years. His recent activities include serving as a jurist in residence for the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health as

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well as a governor's appointee to the Texas specialty court advisory council. Judge Carr is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and admitted to federal practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Texas and before the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

#### **Steven S. Chase, Immigration Judge, Conroe Immigration Court**

Steven S. Chase was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Chase earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in 1989 from the University of Nebraska Omaha, and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from Creighton University School of Law. From 2019 to April 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Harlingen Texas. From 2016 to 2019, he was the executive director with the Nebraska State Records Board. From 2007 to 2016, he served as the chief administrative law judge of the Nebraska Appeal Tribunal for the Nebraska Department of Labor. From 1993 to 2007, he worked as a solo practitioner, as well as holding positions as a public defender for the Winnebago and Omaha Tribes, a Winnebago tribal judge and assistant county attorney for Pender County, Nebraska. Judge Chase is a member of the Nebraska State Bar.

#### **Kamra Sellers Craig, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court**

Kamra Sellers Craig was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Craig earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2010 from Louisiana State University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2013 from Mississippi College of Law. From 2019 to 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where she held special designations as a national security attorney and a federal litigation attorney. From 2014 to 2019 she was in private practice as a solo practitioner in Jena, Louisiana. Judge Craig is a member of the Louisiana State Bar and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

#### **Jerome M. Day, Immigration Judge, Laredo Immigration Court**

Jerome M. Day was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Day earned a Bachelor of Science in 1976 from the University of Texas El Paso and a Juris Doctor in 1980 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. From May 2006 to April 2026, he was a solo practitioner in Edmond, Oklahoma, in the areas of administrative law, domestic relations, real estate, civil litigation and probate, and during this time from 2007 to April 2026, he also served as an administrative law judge for the State of Oklahoma Real Estate Commission. From January 1990 to March 2026, he was also a partner in the law firm Grimes, Gelders, Anderson & Day in Oklahoma

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City. Judge Day has experience as an administrative law judge, hearing examiner, and prosecutor, and as a litigator in both state and federal courts. Judge Day is a member of the Oklahoma Bar, State Bar of Texas, and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Fifth and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and U.S. District Courts in Texas and Oklahoma.

#### **Deborah D. Dictson, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Deborah D. Dictson was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Dictson earned a Bachelor of Science in 2003 from New Mexico State University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Texas Tech School of Law. From February 2015 to April 2026, she served as a special prosecutor at the Special Prosecution Unit serving several counties in west Texas. From January 2013 to February 2015, she served as first assistant district attorney at the Cherokee County District Attorney's Office in Rusk, Texas. From June 2010 to May 2012, she served as a felony prosecutor with the Matagorda County District Attorney's Office in Bay City, Texas. From September 2006 to May 2010, she served as a DWI prosecutor and children's court attorney with the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Judge Dictson is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Richard J. Douglas, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Richard J. Douglas was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Douglas earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from the University of South Florida and Juris Doctor in 1984 from American University. From May 2021 to April 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Adviser, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Houston, and led Houston's INTERPOL/Foreign Fugitives team. From January 2009 to May of 2021, he practiced immigration and nationality, construction, criminal, and aviation law in Washington D.C. and Texas. From March 2006 to January 2009, he served in the Pentagon as the presidentially appointed deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics and counterproliferation. From April 2000 to March 2005, he served as a senior U.S. Senate attorney for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. From October 1998 to April 2000, he served as a trial attorney with the Office of International Affairs, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, managing extradition and legal assistance dockets with Mexico, Spain, and Switzerland. From March 1994 to October 1998, he practiced immigration and nationality law in the Washington, D.C. area. He served as a commissioned U.S. Foreign Service consular officer between January 1986 and March 1994 with postings to Ciudad Juarez, Bilbao, and Madrid. Judge Douglas has over 20 years of practice in immigration, nationality, visa law, and aviation. Judge Douglas has State Department, Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Special Operations

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Command performance awards. He is a Navy veteran of submarines and Iraq, and in 2016 retired from the Navy Reserve as a lieutenant commander (Intelligence). Judge Douglas is a member of State Bar of Texas.

### **Meredith Duff, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Meredith Duff was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Duff earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master of Business Administration in 2017 from Liberty University, and a Juris Doctor in 2020 from Appalachian School of Law. From 2025 to 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Nashville, Tennessee. From 2019 to 2025, she served as the executive director for MPD Enterprises LLC. From 2021 to 2025, she served as an attorney with the Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Commission. From 2002 to 2019, she worked in the private insurance industry. Judge Duff is a member of the Kentucky State Bar.

### **Bradly P. Duvall, Immigration Judge, Eloy Immigration Court**

Bradly P. Duvall was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Duvall earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1990 from Lamar University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1994 from South Texas College of Law. From July 2002 to May 2026, he was owned and operated the Duvall Law Office PLLC in Mesa, Arizona. From September 1998 to July 2002, he was a partner in the law firm of Allegrucci & Duvall PC in Chandler, Arizona. From October 1995 to September 1998, he was an associate attorney with Farnsworth & Allegrucci PC in Mesa, Arizona. Judge Duvall is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

### **Robert G. Eastman, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Robert G. Eastman was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Eastman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geography in 1990 from the University of Delaware and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from Delaware Law School. From August 2022 to March 2026, he served as an assistant state attorney in the Misdemeanor Trial Division, Office of the State Attorney, in Viera, Florida. From January 2010 to August 2022, he was in private practice in Merritt Island, Florida, focusing on litigation and appellate representation, contracts, and business organizations, including pro bono representation for veterans and individuals with disabilities before federal agencies and courts. From November 2009 to July 2010, he served as assistant to the president at the American College of the Building Arts in Charleston, South Carolina. From June 1997 to November 2009, he served as an international consultant based in Germany, advising firms on environmental compliance, worker safety, labor relations, and immigration regulatory matters. From June 1995 to February 1997, he served as

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associate director of advocacy for Paralyzed Veterans of America in Washington, D.C. From March 1993 to May 1995, he was a partner at a private law firm in Wilmington, Delaware. Judge Eastman is a member of the Maritime Response Squadron with the Florida State Guard and is an honorably discharged U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Judge Eastman is a member of the Florida Bar, Delaware State Bar, State Bar of Georgia, Maryland State Bar, New Jersey State Bar, Pennsylvania Bar, South Carolina Bar, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

### **Megan H. Eyes, Immigration Judge, Annandale Immigration Court**

Megan H. Eyes was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Eyes earned a Bachelor of Science in 2006 from the University of Central Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from Stetson University College of Law. From August 2023 to April 2026, she served as an attorney advisor with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. From August 2017 to August 2023, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, in Brownsville and McAllen, Texas. From October 2013 to July 2017, she served as an assistant state attorney for the Office of the State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit, in Lake County, Florida. Judge Eyes is a member of the Florida Bar.

### **Peter C. Faerber, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Peter C. Faerber was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Faerber earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. From June 2024 to May 2026, he was the branch head of Legal Assistance at Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps at the Pentagon. From April 2023 to April 2024, he was an attorney at the Bateman Law Group, in Leavenworth, Kansas. From 2006 to 2021, he served as an active-duty judge advocate with the U.S. Marine Corps serving in various locations. From 2018 to 2024, he also handled veterans' cases on a pro-bono basis. Judge Faerber is a member of the Ohio State Bar.

### **Omar J. Famada, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center**

Omar J. Famada was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Famada earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2007 from Florida International University and a Juris Doctor in May 2011 from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. From October 2025 to April 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Dallas. During this time, from December 2025 to April 2026, he also served as special assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas. From April 2025 to October 2025, he served as assistant criminal district

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attorney for the Civil Division of the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office, in Fort Worth, Texas. From May 2022 to January 2025, he served as attorney advisor for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Grand Prairie, Texas. From July 2019 to April 2022, he served as an assistant attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General in Florida. From June 2016 to July 2019, he served as the general counsel for a real estate services company in the Midwest. From January 2012 to April 2016, he was in private practice. Judge Famada is member of the Colorado Bar, Florida Bar, and State Bar of Texas.

#### **Terexa Fan, Immigration Judge, Santa Ana Immigration Court**

Terexa Fan was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Fan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from the University of California, Irvine, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. From February 2024 to May 2026, she was an assistant general counsel with the Defense Health Agency at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, California. From August 2023 to January 2024, she was a remote claims attorney with the U.S. Navy in Washington D.C. From October 2017 to August 2023, she was an assistant inspector general with the Navy Region Southwest at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California. During this time, from May 2018 to December 2018, she also served as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of California. From 2011 to 2024, she served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Navy Reserve, and from 2003 to 2011, she served on active duty as a judge advocate with U.S. Navy. Judge Fan is a member of the State Bar of California and Southern District of California.

#### **Thomas B. Fighter, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Thomas B. Fighter was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Fighter earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance in 2000 from the University of Miami and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of San Diego School of Law. From 2011 to April 2026, he was the owner and chief executive officer of Fighter Law in Orlando, where he founded and managed a multi-practice litigation firm handling criminal defense, injunction proceedings, family law, and personal injury matters. From 2008 to 2011, he was an associate in private practice with Payas, Payas & Payas in Orlando. From 2006 to 2008, he served as an assistant state attorney with the State Attorney's Office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida in Orlando. Since 2012, he has served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps, including as a special victim counsel, trial counsel, brigade judge advocate for 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, deputy regional defense counsel with Trial Defense Services, U.S. Army Legal Command, and in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Task Force Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. As deputy regional defense counsel, he supervised four

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defense teams consisting of attorneys and paralegals. His military service includes deployments to Afghanistan, Kuwait, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates, and Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, where he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. Judge Fighter is a member of the Florida Bar and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

#### **Kenneth Flesch, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Kenneth Flesch was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Flesch earned a Bachelor of Science in 1984 from Northeastern Illinois University, a Master of Business Administration in 1988 from Loyola University, and a Juris Doctor in 2017 from the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. From May 2018 to April 2026, he served as an assistant state's attorney at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Cook County Illinois, most recently with the Felony Trial Division, and also served with the Grand Jury and Preliminary Hearings Division, the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Division, and the Felony Appeals Division. From 1988 to August 2015, he was a small business owner. Judge Flesch is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

#### **Christopher R. Ford, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Christopher R. Ford was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Ford earned a Bachelor of Science in Crime, Law, & Justice in 2008 from Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor in 2012 from Washington and Lee University School of Law. From January 2026 to May 2026, he served as counsel for the Immigration Law and Practice Division with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Orlando, Florida. From March 2023 to January 2026, he served as assistant chief counsel with OPLA, ICE, in Laredo, Texas. From July 2019 to March 2023, he served as assistant regional counsel with the Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in New York, New York. From October 2016 to July 2019, he served as an attorney advisor with the Departmental Appeals Board, HHS, in Washington, D.C. From November 2014 to October 2016, he served as an attorney advisor with the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, HHS, in Arlington, Virginia. Judge Ford is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

#### **Mary Foster, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Mary Foster was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Foster earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from the DePaul University College of Law. From August 2022 to May 2026, she served as the chief assistant prosecutor with the Cass County Prosecutor's Office in Cassopolis, Michigan. From August 2000 to July 2022, she

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served as an assistant state's attorney in Chicago. Judge Foster is a member of the Illinois State Bar and the State Bar of Michigan.

#### **Kathryn E. Frames, Immigration Judge, Chelmsford Immigration Court**

Kathryn E. Frames was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Frames earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2012 from Union College (Schenectady, New York), and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from Vermont Law School. From September of 2017 to April 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Cleveland (2020-2026) and Adelanto, California (2017-2020). During that time, she specialized in immigration matters relating to human rights violators, worksite enforcement, and mental competency. From September 2015 to September 2017, she served as attorney advisor at the Adelanto Immigration Court entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Frames is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

#### **Johanna Gaymer, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Johanna Gaymer was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Gaymer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English in 2010 from Fordham University Lincoln Center and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from the University of Iowa College of Law. From May 2022 to April 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in New York, New York, and Philadelphia. From January 2020 to May 2022, she served as an asylum officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, in New York and New Jersey. From March 2018 to January 2020, she was an associate with a private immigration law firm in New York. Judge Gaymer is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the New York State Bar.

#### **Taylor A. Gillespie, Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court**

Taylor A. Gillespie was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Gillespie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sustainability in 2016 from the University of Oklahoma and a Juris Doctor with an honors concentration in Business Law and Compliance in 2020 from the University of Dayton School of Law. From March 2024 to April 2026, she served as an administrative law judge at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in Buffalo, New York. From July 2021 to March 2024, she served as an assistant district attorney in Buffalo City Court, Justice Courts, and Felony Trials at the Erie County District Attorney's Office in Buffalo, New York. She was a recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award (146th

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Assembly District) in 2025 and a recipient of the Buffalo Business First 30 Under 30 Award in 2023. Judge Gillespie is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **James K. Globber, Immigration Judge, Salt Lake City Immigration Court**

James K. Globber was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Globber earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor in 1986 from Tulane University School of Law. From November 2025 to April 2026, he served as counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in West Valley City, Utah. From December 2000 to November 2025, he practiced civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts with his firm based in Jacksonville, Florida. Previously, he was managing lawyer for GEICO's Staff Counsel Office in Jacksonville, Florida, and served as an assistant state attorney in the 13th Judicial Circuit in Tampa, Florida. Judge Globber is a member of the Florida Bar.

#### **David J. Green, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center**

David J. Green was appointed as an immigration judge in May 2026 after serving as a temporary immigration judge at the Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center from October 2025 to April 2026. Judge Green earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from Michigan State University, a Juris Doctor in 2001 from North Carolina Central University, a Master of Business Administration in 2006 from Auburn University, a Master of Strategic Studies in 2021 from the U.S. Army War College, and a Master of Laws in 2022 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. From 2018 to April 2025, he served at the U.S. Embassy Jerusalem as director, U.S. Security Coordinator, Security Justice Advisory Directorate (2024-2025); senior legal advisor – individual mobilization augmentee, for the U.S. Special Operations Command (2022-2023), staff judge advocate (general counsel) for the 36th Infantry Division (2019-2022), and the staff judge advocate for the Special Operations Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (2018-2019) during the defeat of the physical caliphate of ISIS in Syria. Judge Green has served over 25 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, currently holding the rank of colonel. He began his military service as an infantry officer in the 1-119th Infantry Battalion (1998) through his current duty as a reserve component deputy legal counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (2026), deploying eight times to combat or conflict zones throughout his career. He has been awarded the Combat Action Badge and the Bronze Star Medal. Judge Green is a member of the North Carolina Bar, the State Bar of Texas, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Bar of the Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

**Jared L. Grimmer, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Jared L. Grimmer was appointed as an immigration judge in May 2026 after serving as a temporary immigration judge at the Kansas City Immigration Court from October 2025 to April 2026. Judge Grimmer earned a Bachelor of Science in 1995 from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) and a Juris Doctorate in 2000 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. From 2022 to 2025, he served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Reserves at various military bases across the world. From 2015 to 2022, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Las Vegas, where he was assigned primarily white collar and immigration cases. From 2001 to 2014, he served as a U.S. Air Force JAG, deploying to Iraq in 2010. Judge Grimmer is a member of the Missouri Bar.

**Michael J. Gross, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Michael J. Gross was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Gross earned a Bachelor Arts in History, with a minor in Biology, in 2010 from the University of Miami and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from the University of Miami School of Law. From September 2019 to May 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Miami and Pompano Beach, Florida. From August 2018 to September 2019, he served as in-house counsel at a motor vehicle insurance company based in Miami. From April 2014 to May 2018, he was an attorney in private practice in Florida and Texas, primarily focusing on personal injury cases, and also representing veterans and civilians in disability hearings before the Office of Hearings Operations, Social Security Administration. Judge Gross is a member of the Florida Bar and the State Bar of Texas.

**Benedict S. Gullo, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**

Benedict "Ben" S. Gullo was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Gullo earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from Skidmore College, a Juris Doctor in 1999 from Hofstra University School of Law, a Master of Laws in Military Law in 2011 from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School, and a Master of Science in Natural Resource Strategy in 2023 from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. From February 2003 to April 2026, he served as a judge advocate for the U.S. Army and then the U.S. Coast Guard, attaining the rank of captain in the U.S. Coast Guard prior to his retirement from military service. From December 2015 to May 2017, he temporarily left active duty to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio U.S. Attorney's Office in Cleveland. In 1999, Judge Gullo began his legal career as a senior assistant district attorney for the

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Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. Judge Gullo is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Damona Taef Hakimian, Immigration Judge, Denver Immigration Court**

Damona Taef Hakimian was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Hakimian earned an Honors Bachelor of Arts and Science in 2004 from the University of Toronto and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the University at Buffalo Law School. From September 2017 to April 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Phoenix. During that time, from October 2024 until April 2026, she served as a Homeland Security Investigations embedded attorney, OPLA, ICE, DHS. From December 2016 to May 2017, she served as a deputy county attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix. From October 2010 to November 2014, she founded and served as principal of Taef Law Firm PLLC in Dallas. From May 2009 to February 2011, she was a staff attorney at Mosaic Family Services in Dallas. Judge Hakimian is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

#### **Shannon R. Holderfield, Immigration Judge, Oakdale Immigration Court**

Shannon R. Holderfield was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Holderfield earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2012 from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor in 2017 from the University of Tulsa College of Law. From September 2019 to May 2026, she served as a senior attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, in El Paso, Texas. From May 2023 to January 2025, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas. From September 2017 to August 2018, she served as a judicial law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and from September 2018 to May 2019, she worked as an associate with a private firm in Houston. In 2023, Judge Holderfield received the CBP Commissioner's Award for Integrity. Judge Holderfield is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Richard S. Holloway, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Richard S. Holloway was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases May 2026. Judge Holloway earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from the University of North Carolina and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from Campbell Law School. From March 2015 to April 2026, he was a district court judge for the 36th District in North Carolina. From March 1998 to March 2015, he served as an assistant district attorney for the 25th District of North Carolina. Judge Holloway is a member of the North Carolina Bar.

**Kimberly B. Jeter, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street  
Immigration Court**

Kimberly B. Jeter was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Jeter earned a Bachelor of Science in 2012 from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and a Master of Science in Government and Leadership and Juris Doctor in 2015 from Creighton University School of Law. From September 2017 to May 2026, she served as an attorney advisor with the Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court. From September 2015 to September 2017, she served as a judicial law clerk and attorney advisor at the Atlanta – Ted Turner Drive Immigration Court entering on duty through the Attorney General’s Honors Program. Judge Jeter is a member of the Nebraska State Bar.

**Graciela M. Jiron, Immigration Judge, El Paso Immigration Court**

Graciela M. Jiron was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Jiron earned a Bachelor of Law and Political Sciences in 2000 from the Santa Maria La Antigua University Law School and a Master of Laws in 2001 from Tulane University Law School. From May 2015 to April 2026, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in El Paso, Texas. From September 2011 to May 2015, she served as a border patrol agent with Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DHS, in Indio, California. From October 2001 to June 2009, she was in private practice working on immigration and personal injury matters in New Orleans. Judge Jiron is a member of the Louisiana State Bar.

**Frank A. Jury II, Immigration Judge, Conroe Immigration Court**

Frank A. Jury II was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Jury earned a Bachelor of Criminal Justice with Honors in 1995 from Indiana University and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from Valparaiso University School of Law. From April 2023 to April 2026, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Pearsall, Texas. From April 2022 to April 2023, he served as an industry operations investigator with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in Fort Wayne, Indiana. From December 1999 to March 2022, he was in private practice in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury, and divorce in Valparaiso, Indiana. From January 1999 to December 1999, he served as a deputy prosecutor at the Lake County Prosecutor’s Office in Crown Point, Indiana. From May 1997 to December 1997, he clerked for the Porter County Prosecutor’s Office in Portage, Indiana, and for the Porter County Attorney’s Office in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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From September 1992 to December 1994, he was a police officer with the Indiana University Police in Gary. Judge Jury is a member of the Indiana State Bar.

#### **Denise Kallas, Immigration Judge, Detroit Immigration Court**

Denise Kallas was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Kallas earned Bachelors of Arts in Economics and in Politics in 1992 from Washington and Lee University and a Juris Doctorate in 1995 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. From April 1997 to April 2026, she was an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in Pontiac, Michigan. Judge Kallas is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

#### **Nadeem R. Kasam, Immigration Judge, LaSalle Immigration Court**

Nadeem R. Kasam was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Kasam earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2007 from the University of Houston and a Juris Doctor in 2010 from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. From November 2015 to September 2025, he was with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security, serving in the following roles: immigration services officer, Service Center Operations Directorate (August 2022-April 2026); asylum officer, Houston Asylum Office (August 2018-August 2022); adjudication officer, Investor Program Office, Washington, D.C. (November 2017-August 2018); supervisory immigration services officer, Potomac Service Center, Virginia (April 2017-November 2017); asylum officer, Houston Asylum Office (February 2017-April 2017); and immigration services officer, San Fernando Valley Field Office, California (November 2015-February 2017). Judge Kasam is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Jean M. Kilker, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Jean M. Kilker was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Kilker earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 from the University of Rhode Island and a Juris Doctorate in 1989 from California Western School of Law. From September 2021 to April 2025, she served as chief of the General Law Division, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, in Washington, D.C. From January 2018 to September 2021, she was an attorney advisor with the Commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command and the Office of the Naval Inspector General, Department of the Navy, in Washington, D.C. From February 2016 to January 2018, she served as counsel, then senior counsel, to the U.S. Senate, Select Committee on Ethics. She also served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Navy and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2017 with the rank of captain. Her active-duty assignments included trial attorney, criminal law and procedure instructor, staff judge advocate to the Commander Naval Station Pearl Harbor, deputy staff judge advocate to the

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Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, supported the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, and deployed as the staff judge advocate, commander, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. From July 1989 to November 1991, she was a deputy district attorney in Orange County, California. Judge Kilker is a member of the State Bar of California, the District of Columbia Bar, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### **Clayton M. Lawrence, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Clayton M. Lawrence was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Lawrence earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a specialization in Business Pre-Law in 2010 from Bowling Green State University, a Juris Doctor in 2013 from Ave Maria School of Law, a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies with an area of study in strategy, operations, and military history in 2025 from the U.S. Naval War College, and Master of Laws in 2026 from Columbia Law School. From 2017 to 2025, he served as a judge advocate general's corps officer in the U.S. Navy, where he held the rank of lieutenant commander. From 2015 to 2017, he served as the chief of litigation at the Department of Justice for the Federated States of Micronesia. From 2014 to 2015, he served as an assistant attorney general at the Pohnpei State Attorney General's Office in the Federated States of Micronesia. Judge Lawrence is a member of the Florida Bar and the Federated States of Micronesia Bar.

#### **Kerri N. Lechtrecker, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Kerri N. Lechtrecker was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Lechtrecker earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from Hofstra University and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from New York Law School. From April 2007 to April 2026, she served as a court attorney referee in Suffolk County Family Court, New York. From July 2000 to April 2007, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable David Freundlich, supervising judge of the Suffolk County Family Court. From September 1992 to June 2000, she served as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, New York. She has also served as a part time village justice for the villages of Patchogue, New York, from April 2004 to April 2026, and Bellport, New York, from July 2009 to April 2026. Judge Lechtrecker is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Adrien Lee-Lo, Immigration Judge, New York - Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Adrien Lee-Lo was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Lee-Lo earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from the State University of New York at Stony Brook University and a Juris Doctorate in 2011 from Thomas Cooley Law School. From September 2022 to May 2026, she was an assistant district attorney at Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. From August 2016 to August 2022, she served as in-house counsel at Geico Insurance Agency LLC in

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Hicksville, New York. From March 2015 to August 2016, she was a litigation associate at Boyko & Associates PC. From August 2012 to June 2014, she held various legal compliance positions working on complex civil litigation matters involving large financial institutions. Judge Lee-Lo is a member of the New York State Bar.

#### **Keith E. Lipiec, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Keith E. Lipiec was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Lipiec earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2009 from Temple University and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. From July 2023 to May 2026, he served as an attorney at the Naval Supply Systems Command Weapon Systems Support, U.S. Navy, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From October 2020 to July 2023, he served as an attorney with the 87th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. From 2014 to 2020, he was an active duty judge advocate with the U.S. Army serving as a military magistrate, administrative law attorney, special assistant U.S. attorney, trial counsel, and brigade judge advocate in the following locations: Fort Drum, New York; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. Judge Lipiec holds the rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Judge Lipiec is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

#### **Joseph Martinez, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Joseph Martinez was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Martinez earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2004 from the University of Illinois and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. From October 2016 to April 2026, he served as a judge advocate general in the U.S. Army Reserve at various locations. From January 2019 to May 2022, and May 2008 to January 2015, he served as an assistant state's attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, in Chicago. From January 2015 to January 2019, he was in private practice as a solo practitioner in Chicago. Judge Martinez holds the rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Judge Martinez is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, Florida Bar, Illinois State Bar, and North Carolina Bar.

#### **Robert A. McBride, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**

Robert A. McBride was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge McBride earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from Michigan State University, a Master of Science in 1996 from the University of North Dakota, a Master of Business Administration in 2003 from Webster University, and a Juris Doctor in 2018 from Faulkner University Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. From October 2023 to March 2025, he was a staff attorney at Wilkerson Bryan PC in Montgomery, Alabama.

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From May 2022 to October 2023, he was a staff attorney at Chambless Math & Carr in Montgomery, Alabama. In 2019, he served as a term clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Prior to law school, he served in various positions and duties in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2013 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Judge McBride is a member of the Alabama State Bar.

#### **Zachary McFarland, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Zachary McFarland was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge McFarland earned a Bachelor of Science in 2005 from Missouri State University and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. From November 2012 to April 2026, he served as an assistant prosecuting attorney at the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Springfield, Missouri, after serving in elections operations at the Greene County Clerk's Office from February 2010 to November 2012. Judge McFarland is a member of the Missouri Bar.

#### **John E. Moriarty, Immigration Judge, Detroit Immigration Court**

John E. Moriarty was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Moriarty earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from Ursinus College, a Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, in 2016 from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, and a Master of Arts in 2023 from Hillsdale College's Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship. Since August 2021, he has pursued a Ph.D. in politics at Hillsdale College's Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship. From August 2018 to August 2021, he was a litigation associate at Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia. From December 2017 to August 2018, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Stephanos Bibas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. From September 2016 to December 2017, he served as an assistant district attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. Judge Moriarty is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third and Federal Circuits.

#### **Craig A. Newell Jr., Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court/Louisville Hearing Location**

Craig A. Newell Jr. was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Newell earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from the College of the Holy Cross and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from the Villanova University School of Law. From October 2007 to April 2026, he was with the Office of Immigration Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice, serving as a senior litigation counsel (November 2021-April 2026), and as a trial attorney (October 2007-November 2021). From January 2006 to September 2007, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Robert F. Kelly, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. From August 2005 to January

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2006, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Russell M. Nigro, Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Judge Newell is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

#### **Michael Matthew Osterberg, Immigration Judge, El Paso Immigration Court**

Michael Matthew Osterberg was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Osterberg earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from The Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from the Roger Williams University School of Law. From January 2024 to April 2026, he was an associate at Chavez Law Firm in El Paso, Texas. From October 2018 to January 2024, he served as a criminal assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division. From August 2015 to August 2018, he served as an assistant district attorney in Centre County, Pennsylvania. Judge Osterberg is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Robert G. Palmer, Immigration Judge, Orlando Immigration Court**

Robert G. Palmer was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Palmer earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from the University of North Florida, a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2002 from Mississippi College School of Law, and a Master of Laws in Military Law with a specialty in contract and fiscal law in 2006 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. From March 2022 to May 2026, he served as an associate counsel with the Office of General Law, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, in Alexandria, Virginia. From March 2016 to March 2022, he served as an associate counsel at Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southeast, Department of the Navy, in Jacksonville, Florida. From 2002 to 2016, he served as a Marine judge advocate in various positions at Marine Corps installations in the United States and overseas. Judge Palmer is a member of the Florida Bar.

#### **Jonathan Daniel Pelletier, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – Ted Turner Drive Immigration Court**

Jonathan Daniel Pelletier was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Pelletier earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1974 and Juris Doctorate in 1977, both from the University of Georgia. Judge Pelletier attended the Basic Officer's Course in 1981 and the Advanced Officer's Course in 1985 at the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General School and attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1989. From September 2006 to August 2019, he served as an immigration judge at the Atlanta Immigration Court. From March 2003 to October 2006, he served as the assistant chief counsel with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Atlanta. From December 1987 to March 2003, he served as assistant district counsel with the former Immigration and

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Naturalization Service in Atlanta. During this time, from 1990 to 1996, Judge Pelletier served as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta). From 2002 to 2003, he served as a command judge advocate, 93rd Signal Battalion, in Fort Gordon, Georgia. From 1990 to 1991, he was a senior defense counsel, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Judge Pelletier is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

### **Bayleigh J. Pettigrew, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court**

Bayleigh J. Pettigrew was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Pettigrew earned a Bachelor of Arts in Law, Philosophy, and Rhetoric in 2005 from Stephens College and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. From January 2022 to May 2026, she served as a senior attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Long Beach, California. From April 2016 to January 2022, she served as a general attorney with OCC, CBP, DHS, in Long Beach, California. From September 2014 to January 2016, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California in Fresno. From October 2012 to August 2013, she served as an associate attorney at Masserman and Ducey in Sherman Oaks, California. From February 2009 to July 2011, she served as an associate attorney at Morris and Associates in Burbank, California. Judge Pettigrew is a member of the State Bar of California.

### **Anthony A. Picione, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Anthony A. Picione was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Picione earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from Drew University and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Pennsylvania. From July 1999 to September 2024, he was with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and served as an assistant attorney general (January 2019-September 2024), and a deputy attorney general (July 1999-January 2019). From September 1996 to June 1999, he was an associate with Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch. Judge Picione is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

### **Jaime Poarch, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Jaime Poarch was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Poarch earned a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, double majoring in Anthropology and Philosophy in 2011 from Texas Tech University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2018 from South Texas College of Law Houston. From October 2025 to April 2026, she served as assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland

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Security, in Houston. From May 2019 to October 2025, she served as an assistant district attorney with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office in Conroe, Texas. From August 2018 to October 2018, she was an intern in the juvenile division with the Fort Bend District Attorney's Office in Richmond, Texas. In the summer of 2017, she served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Larry Weiman and the Honorable Mike Engelhart at the Harris County Civil District Court in Houston. From January 2012 to May 2012, she served as a congressional intern for the Honorable Congressman Michael McCaul. Judge Poarch is a member of the Oklahoma Bar and the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Keira A. Poellet, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court**

Keira A. Poellet was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Poellet earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Marquette University, a Juris Doctor in 2005 from the Whittier College School of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2010 from the University of Nebraska College of Law. From July 2022 to March 2025, she was general counsel, deputy director of staff, and principal analyst at Phaedrus Engineering. From August 2005 to June 2022, she served as an attorney with the U.S. Air Force in nine different assignment locations, including deploying to Southwest Asia. From July 1999 to August 2002, she served as an acquisitions officer at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In 2022, she retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel after 23 years of active duty. Judge Poellet is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Bill Radin, Immigration Judge, Cleveland Immigration Court**

Bill Radin was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Radin earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Communication in 2006 from Ohio University, a Juris Master in 2009 from Tsinghua University, and Juris Doctor in 2009 from Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University. From November 2025 to May 2026, he served as counsel with the District Court Litigation Division, Office of Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Cleveland. From July 2019 to November 2025, he served as an assistant chief counsel with OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Cleveland. From January 2011 to July 2019, he served as an attorney advisor with the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Department of Health and Human Services, in Cleveland. Judge Radin is a member of the Ohio State Bar.

#### **James M. Rice, Immigration Judge, Cleveland Immigration Court**

James M. Rice was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Rice earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2005 from Miami University and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the Regent University School of Law. From July 2020 to April 2026, he served as an

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assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Cleveland. From February 2017 to July 2020, and from March 2009 to March 2014, he served as assistant prosecuting attorney with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office in Cleveland. From March 2014 to February 2017, he was in private practice and as a solo practitioner. Judge Rice is a member of the Ohio State Bar and the Northern District of Ohio.

### **Phoebe D. Riner, Immigration Judge Memphis Immigration Court/Louisville**

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Phoebe D. Riner was appointed as an immigration judge in May 2026 after serving as a temporary immigration judge at the Sterling Immigration Court from October 2025 to April 2026. Judge Riner earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry in 2000 from Asbury College and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Regent University School of Law. From 2007 to 2025, she served as a chemical patent examiner, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; judge advocate, U.S. Marine Corps; prosecutor, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Kentucky; private practice as a patent attorney in Kentucky; law clerk to the Honorable Judge Bruggink, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; and senior appropriations and intellectual property attorney, U.S. Department of Labor. Judge Riner is a member of the State Bar of Kentucky and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Patent Bar.

### **Jeremy A. Rovinsky, Immigration Judge, Aurora Immigration Court**

Jeremy A. Rovinsky was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Rovinsky earned Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science with honors in 2006 from American University, a Juris Doctor with honors in 2012 from George Washington University, and a Master of Business Administration in 2020 from Purdue University Global. He was first appointed as a judicial officer in January 2017 for the Trial Courts of Arizona. From March 2025 to May 2026, he served as counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Phoenix. From June 2022 to March 2025, he served as a prosecutor for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Phoenix, where he received awards for his professional and volunteer work. From July 2014 to June 2022, he was dean and general counsel of National Paralegal College, Crestpoint University. From August 2013 to July 2014, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Andrew Gould, Arizona Court of Appeals, Phoenix Arizona. Judge Rovinsky is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

### **Sarah Sawwan, Immigration Judge, Hartford Immigration Court**

Sarah Sawwan was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Sawwan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2008 from the University of North

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Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from Thurgood Marshall School of Law. From October 2016 to August 2025, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in El Paso, Texas. From August 2025 to May 2026, she served as counsel with OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. From 1997 to 2002, she served on active duty in the U.S. Navy as an aviation support equipment technician, with the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, and Auxiliary Security Forces, at the Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, California. Judge Sawwan is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Thomas J. Shusted Jr., Immigration Judge, Elizabeth Immigration Court**

Thomas J. Shusted Jr. was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Shusted earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1977 from Gettysburg College and a Juris Doctor in 1981 from Widener University Delaware Law School, where he served as an associate editor of the Law Review. From 2013 to May 2026, he served as a superior court judge in Camden, New Jersey, where he held assignments in the Criminal, Civil, and Family Divisions and served as the presiding judge of the Special Civil Part in Camden County. Additionally, he was specifically assigned on a statewide basis to oversee the Sexually Violent Predator Docket and the Intensive Supervision Program while serving on recall. From 1982 to 2012, he was in private practice in New Jersey. Judge Shusted is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and Pennsylvania Bar.

#### **Paul Edmond Stephan, Immigration Judge, Santa Ana Immigration Court**

Paul Edmond Stephan was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Stephan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor in 1976 from Southwestern Law School. From June 2023 to May 2026, he served as a temporary criminal judge with the Orange County Superior Court in California. From 1998 to June 2023, he was a senior partner with Selman Brietman LLP in California and was selected for membership to the American Board of Trial Advocates. From 1984 to 1998, he was in private practice in municipal law. From 1984 to 1986, he served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Army Reserve and was admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. From 1977 to 1984, he served as a deputy district attorney and later deputy county counsel in Fresno, California. In 1986, he accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and from 2001 to 2002, served on active duty in Operation “Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom” as an MH-65 helicopter-based ship’s boarding team leader. Judge Stephan was awarded the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Lifesaving and

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the Global War on Terrorism Medal. He retired with the rank of captain in 2012. Judge Stephan is a member of the State Bar of California and the District of Columbia Bar.

#### **Rhonda M. Tucker, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Rhonda M. Tucker was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Tucker earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice in 1998 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the University of Arkansas School of Law. From January 2005 to April 2026, she served as a deputy prosecuting attorney for the 11W Judicial District of Arkansas. From December 2001 to December 2004, she was an associate attorney at the Dickerson Law Firm in El Dorado and Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Judge Tucker is a member of the Arkansas Bar.

#### **Amy Sigmon Walker, Immigration Judge, Charlotte Immigration Court**

Amy Sigmon Walker was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Walker earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1994 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from North Carolina Central School of Law. From December 2002 to April 2026, she served as a district court judge in North Carolina's 36th Judicial District, presiding over criminal, civil, family, juvenile, and traffic matters. She also served as a designated family court and recovery court judge and was certified to preside over juvenile abuse, neglect, dependency, and termination of parental rights cases. From November 2001 to December 2002, she was in private practice in Newton, North Carolina. From February 1999 to November 2001, she served as an assistant district attorney in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Judge Walker is a member of the North Carolina Bar.

#### **Natalie Walker, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court/Louisville Hearing Location**

Natalie Walker was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Walker earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from Auburn University and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from Stetson University College of Law. From September 2014 to April 2026, she served as a deputy district attorney with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office in Birmingham, Alabama. Judge Walker is a member of the Alabama State Bar.

#### **Matthew C. Wallace, Immigration Judge, Denver Immigration Court**

Matthew C. Wallace was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Wallace earned a Bachelor of Science in 2005 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a Juris Doctor in 2012 from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University. From November 2012 to April 2026, he served as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in

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Cincinnati. From June 2008 to August 2012, he served as a clerk for Judge Ralph E. Winkler with the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. From May 2000 to May 2006, he served in the Ohio Air National Guard as a non-commissioned officer in the 178th Fighter Wing, in Springfield, Ohio. Judge Wallace is a member of the Ohio State Bar.

#### **Patricia Walter, Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court**

Patricia Walter was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Walter earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from Wayne State University Law School. From August 2024 to May 2026, she was command counsel at U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/Space Command/JFHQ-C/U.S. 10th Fleet, Fort Meade, Maryland. From August 2023 to August 2025, she served as senior trial counsel for specialized litigation with the U.S. Air Force, Commercial Litigation Field Support Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. From August 2020 to August 2023, she served as senior trial counsel – contracts litigation at the Navy Litigation Office, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Navy, Washington Navy Yard. From November 2015 to August 2020, she was the associate attorney, Naval Facilities Engineering Command – Europe, Africa & Southwest Asia, Naples, Italy. From January 2014 to November 2015, she was an attorney advisor for Army Contracting Command – Expeditionary Contract Command, Camp As Sayliyah, Qatar. From October 2011 to January 2014, she was an attorney advisor at Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi, Texas. From 1995 to 2009, she was a trial lawyer in various regional law firms specializing in complex construction litigation throughout the United States. Judge Walter is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

#### **Eric Wang, Immigration Judge, San Diego Immigration Court**

Eric Wang was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Wang earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from the University of California, Davis, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2014 from Golden Gate University School of Law. From February 2026 to April 2026, he served as an administrative law judge with the State Hearings Division for the State of California. From January 2022 to July 2024, he served as a deputy district attorney with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, and from July 2019 to January 2022, he served as a deputy city attorney with the San Diego City Attorney's Office. From October 2015 to July 2019, he served as a deputy district attorney with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. Judge Wang is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Wayne J. Warf, Immigration Judge, Indianapolis Immigration Court**

Wayne J. Warf was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Warf earned a Bachelor of Science in 1984 and a Master of Business Administration in 1988 from St. Joseph's University, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2002 from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. From January 2020 to January 2026, he served as a senior attorney at the Indiana Department of Child Services in Indianapolis. From October 2016 to December 2019, he was in private practice in Carmel, Indiana. From February 2007 to September 2016, he served as an administrative law judge at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development in Indianapolis. He also served as congressional legislative counsel for the Honorable Mike Sodrel from January 2005 to July 2006 in Washington, D.C. From November 2002 to December 2004, he was in private practice in Bloomington, Indiana. Judge Warf is a member of the Indiana State Bar, the bars of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, U.S. Court for the Southern District of Indiana, U.S. Court for the Northern District of Indiana, U.S. Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

**Thomas C. Weisert, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Thomas C. Weisert was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Weisert earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from Fairfield University, a Master of Arts in 1998 from Vanderbilt University, and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Seton Hall University School of Law. From January 2008 to May 2026, he served as counsel and chief of staff to the Honorable Jay Webber of the New Jersey General Assembly. From September 2002 to January 2008, he was a civil litigator with global law firms from offices in Newark and Morristown, New Jersey. From September 2001 to August 2002, he clerked for the Honorable Mary L. Cooper of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. From September 2000 to August 2001, he clerked for the Honorable Jaynee LaVecchia of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Judge Weisert is a member of the New Jersey State Bar, the Supreme Court of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. District Court of the District of New Jersey.

**Jennifer S. Wells, Immigration Judge, Charlotte Immigration Court**

Jennifer S. Wells was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Wells earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2007 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Juris Doctor in 2011 from the Liberty University School of Law. From April 2020 to April 2026, she served as an assistant attorney general with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. From September 2014 to January 2020, she served as an assistant district attorney with the Watauga County District Attorney's Office, in Boone, North Carolina. From December 2012 to August 2014, she served as the domestic violence and sexual assault prosecutor in Office in Haywood County, in

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Waynesville, North Carolina. Judge Wells is a member of the North Carolina Bar and South Carolina Bar.

#### **Nicole I. Wells, Immigration Judge, Santa Ana Immigration Court**

Nicole I. Wells was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Wells earned a Bachelor of Science in 2008 from Edgewood University (formerly Edgewood College) and a Juris Doctor in 2012 from the University of Wisconsin Law School. From December 2024 to April 2026, she served as a general attorney with the Ethics, Labor, Employment Division of the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Minneapolis. From June 2015 to December 2024, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS, in the following locations: Los Angeles (2015-2016), Las Vegas (2016-2019), and Minneapolis (2019-2024). From September 2012 to June 2015, she served as a judicial law clerk and attorney advisor at the Salt Lake City Immigration Court (2012-2014) and attorney advisor at the Charlotte Immigration Court (2014-2015) entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Wells is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

#### **Devin A. Winklosky, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Devin A. Winklosky was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Winklosky earned a Bachelor of Science in 1993 from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Juris Doctor in 2000 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2005 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. From April 2025 to April 2026, he served as counsel at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Pittsburgh, where he handled complex civil litigation and regulatory matters in arbitrations and state and federal courts. From November 2020 to April 2025, he served as an administrative judge with the National Appeals Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, presiding over administrative hearings across 22 states. From August 2018 to November 2020, he served as of counsel at Porter Wright Morris & Arthur in Pittsburgh, where he litigated complex commercial and regulatory matters. From August 2014 to October 2018, he served as a litigation attorney at Jones Day in Pittsburgh, handling complex litigation, regulatory enforcement matters, and multi-district proceedings. From May 1993 to October 2014, Judge Winklosky served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel. From 2011 to 2014, he served as professor of law and vice-chair of the Criminal Law Department at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. From 2008 to 2011, he served as officer-in-charge of the Legal Services Support Section in Okinawa, Japan. From 2005 to 2008, he served as a trial judge with the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, Eastern Judicial Circuit. From 2000 to

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2004, he served as a criminal litigator, including as chief prosecutor and defense counsel, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Judge Winklosky is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar and is admitted to practice before multiple federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### **Daniel J. Wright, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – Ted Turner Drive Immigration Court**

Daniel J. Wright was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Wright earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2010 from the University of Georgia and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from the University of Georgia School of Law. From October 2018 to April 2026, he served as a counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Atlanta. From July 2016 to October 2018, he served as an assistant chief counsel with OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Harlingen, Texas. From December 2014 to June 2016, he was an associate attorney at Potra Law Firm in Suwanee, Georgia. Judge Wright is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

#### **Maureen H. Zumwalt, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court**

Maureen H. Zumwalt was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Zumwalt earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from Northern Kentucky University and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. From March 2024 to April 2026, she served as an assistant attorney general with the Texas Office of Attorney General. From January 2021 to March 2024, she was in private practice in Aberdeen, North Carolina. From January 2007 to December 2020, she served as the elected district attorney in Moore County, North Carolina. From September 2002 to January 2007, was in private practice in Carthage, North Carolina. From January 1997 to September 2002, she served as an assistant district attorney with the 19B Prosecutorial District, North Carolina. Judge Zumwalt is a member of the North Carolina Bar and the State Bar of Texas.

### **Temporary Immigration Judges**

#### **Casey S. Caton, Temporary Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Casey S. Caton was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Caton earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2015 from Hendrix College and a Juris Doctor in 2018 from Pepperdine University School of Law. From March 2024 to April 2026, he was a custodial eDiscovery manager at Walmart Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas, where he supported complex litigation, investigations, and regulatory matters through discovery operations, data governance, and dispute resolution support. From January 2019 to January 2025, he served on active duty as an

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assistant staff judge advocate with the U.S. Air Force, holding assignments at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; and the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado. In those roles, he advised commanders on military justice, civil law, administrative law, ethics, contracts, claims, and investigations. From January 2025 to April 2026, he served as a deputy staff judge advocate with the 188th Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Judge Caton holds the rank of major. Judge Caton is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and Bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

#### **Paul J. Hornick, Temporary Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Paul J. Hornick was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Hornick earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from the State University of New York at Oswego and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law. From July 2022 to April 2026, he was an assistant district attorney general at the 3rd Judicial District Attorney General's Office in Rogersville, Tennessee. From September 2015 to June 2022, he was a senior deputy district attorney with the Madera County District Attorney's Office in Madera, California. From March 2014 to May 2025, he served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve in the following positions: special victim counsel regional coordinator at Mountain View, California (2014-2015), command judge advocate at the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, California (2019-2022), brigade judge advocate at Kansas City, Missouri (2022-2025). He most recently served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve with the 1st Legal Operations Detachment at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. Judge Hornick is a member of the Tennessee Bar.

#### **Kiley R. Hyatt, Temporary Immigration Judge, Honolulu Immigration Court**

Kiley R. Hyatt was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Hyatt earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy in 2001 from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University Hawai'i at Manoa-William S. Richardson School of Law, and a Master in Strategic Studies in 2021 from the U.S. Army War College. From November 2015 to April 2026, in her civilian capacity, she served as a partner at Einwechter & Hyatt, Hawai'i. From January 2004 until April 2026, in her military capacity, she served as a commander, staff judge advocate, chief of military law, physical evaluation board counsel, brigade judge advocate, senior defense counsel and as a trial defense counsel in various locations. Judge Hyatt holds the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. Judge Hyatt is a member of the Hawai'i State Bar.

**Jared J. Monaco, Temporary Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court**

Jared J. Monaco was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Monaco earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Roger Williams University School of Law. From September 2005 to April 2026, he was in private practice, most recently as a partner at a mid-sized law firm in Newark, New Jersey. Judge Monaco also serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he is the international law officer for a civil affairs battalion. Judge Monaco is a member of the New Jersey State Bar.

**Lisa M. Strader, Temporary Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Lisa M. Strader was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in May 2026. Judge Strader earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from the University of Cincinnati, a Juris Doctor in 1998 from the Capital University Law School, and a Master of Laws in Dispute Resolution projected in 2026 from the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law. From November 2023 to May 2026, she served as senior assistant district counsel for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the following locations: Fort Worth District, Texas; and Omaha District, Nebraska. From April 2017 to November 2023, she served as assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office in Columbus, Ohio. From October 2002 to April 2017, she was the founder of her private practice in Columbus, Ohio. From November 1999 to October 2002, she was an associate managing attorney at a law firm in Columbus, Ohio. Judge Strader is a member of the Ohio Bar.

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