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EOIR Announces 22 Immigration Judges and 4 Temporary Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the swearing in of 22 immigration judges and 4 temporary immigration judges.

EOIR Acting Director Sirce E. Owen delivered remarks and Chief Immigration Judge Teresa L. Riley administered the oath of office during an investiture, which was held today at the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

"The agency, under the leadership of President Trump and the Department of Justice, is dedicated to bringing on board new immigration judges in record numbers," said Acting Director Owen. "Our immigration judge corps is critical to our mission of adjudicating immigration cases fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly, in accordance with the law, and to improving operational efficiency."

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Todd Blanche appointed Kathy A. Aguiar, Jeremy R. Arn, Anthony Bailey, John M. Batchelor, Matthew A. Braden, Jeffrey N. Burger, Jackie G. Grau, Alexander R. Hallman, Cortney N. Hellard, William Irvine, Michael A. Jones, Priscilla M. Lewis, Julie Huffman McCarver, Matt D. McConnell, Jeffrey W. McCray, David Nichoff, Kathy W. Parrino, Clark Petschek, Tracy C. Riley, Brett J. Rogers, Timothy L. Strange, and David D. Vandenberg to their new positions as immigration judges and Jason K. Kaneyuki, Courtney E. Lewis, Lauren Mayo, and Jacob E. Meusch to their new positions as temporary immigration judges.

These new adjudicators undergo a robust training program. These new adjudicators undergo a [robust training program](#). Please see each new judge's [biographical summary](#).

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Immigration Judges

Kathy A. Aguiar, Immigration Judge, Baltimore Immigration Court

Kathy A. Aguiar was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Aguiar earned a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in 2005 from George Mason University and a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, in 2010 from the University of Miami School of Law. From December 2025 to September 2026, she served as the deputy chief counsel with the Office of Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Baltimore, and from September 2022 to December 2025, she served as an assistant chief counsel in Hyattsville. From June 2021 to September 2022, she served as an assistant chief of the homicide unit with the Office of the State's Attorney in Prince George's County, Maryland, and from July 2014 to June 2021, she served as an assistant state's attorney. From March 2012 to July 2014, she served as a supervising attorney with Rising for Justice in Washington D.C. From July 2011 to March 2012, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington D.C. entering on duty through the Legal Fellows Program. From July 2010 to July 2011, she was in private practice as an associate attorney with the Law Office of Marvin Miller in Alexandria, Virginia. Judge Aguiar is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, Maryland State Bar, and Virginia State Bar.

Jeremy R. Arn, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court

Jeremy R. Arn was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Arn earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Marquette University Law School. From May 2014 to September 2026, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. From December 2004 to May 2014, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Racine County District Attorney's Office in Racine, Wisconsin. During this time, from September 2010 to September 2011, he served as a rule of law advisor with the Department of State in Iraq, and from March 2008 to September 2008, he served as a U.S. justice advisor with the Department of State's Justice Sector Support Program in Afghanistan. From May 2003 to December 2004, he served in various legal positions in Wisconsin. Judge Arn is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Anthony Bailey, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court

Anthony Bailey was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Bailey earned a Bachelor of Science in 1997 from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Pace University School of Law. From October 2025 to October 2026, he was counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in New York, New York. From October 2022 to October 2025, he served as a hearing officer with the Office of Administrative Hearings for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, in New York, New York. From April 2015 to August 2021, he served as an assistant district attorney with the School Advocacy and Juvenile Crimes Bureau at the Office of the District Attorney, Kings County in Brooklyn, New York. From July 2008 to April 2015, he served as a part-time hearing officer for the Taxi and Limousine Tribunal, New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings. From May 2005 to April 2015, he served as partner in the Law Office of Gilda M. Bailey PC in New York, New York. From September 2002 to March 2005, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Criminal Court Bureau and then Grand Jury Bureau at the Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County in Bronx, New York. Judge Bailey is a member of the New York State Bar.

John M. Batchelor, Immigration Judge, Richmond Immigration Adjudication Center

John M. Batchelor was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Batchelor earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2003 from the University of Georgia and a Juris Doctor in 2012 from Regent University School of Law. From July 2025 to October 2026, he was an associate attorney at Groth, Makarenko, Kaiser & Eidex in Duluth, Georgia. From August 2023 to July 2025, he served as a judicial staff attorney to the Honorable Kelley M. Robertson, State Court of Hall County, in Gainesville, Georgia. From December 2022 to August 2023, he served as an assistant district attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Alcovy Judicial Circuit, in Monroe, Georgia. From June 2021 to December 2022, he served as a senior assistant district attorney in the Northeastern and Western Judicial Circuits in Georgia. From October 2020 to June 2021, he served as an assistant district attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. From December 2017 to October 2020, he served as an assistant solicitor-general, Office of the Solicitor-General, in Hall County, Gainesville, Georgia. From August 2016 to December 2017, he served as an assistant district attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. From July 2013 to July 2016, he served as an assistant solicitor-general, Office of the Solicitor-General, in Hall County, Gainesville, Georgia. From January 2013 to July 2013, he was an associate at Royal-Will Law Firm in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Judge Batchelor is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

Matthew A. Braden, Immigration Judge, Concord Immigration Court

Matthew A. Braden was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Braden earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from the University of California, San Diego, and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of San Francisco School of Law. From October 2025 to October 2026, he served as a counsel for the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of

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Homeland Security, in the Pacific-Northwest region. From July 2023 to October 2025, he served as a litigation associate for the firm of Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen LLP in Oakland, California. From 2017 to 2023, he worked in corporate investigations positions for health care, technology, and veterinary services companies in Idaho. From 1997 to 2017, he served as an active-duty officer with the U.S. Coast Guard, and as a judge advocate starting in 2008, attaining the rank of commander prior to his retirement from military service. He served as the executive officer of the Coast Guard Maritime Law Enforcement Academy, deputy staff judge advocate to the Pacific Area commander, chief of military justice, and a prosecutor. Judge Braden is a member of the State Bar of California and the Idaho State Bar.

Jeffrey N. Burger, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court

Jeffrey N. Burger was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Burger earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the University of Baltimore School of Law. From November 2022 to September 2026, he served as an assistant county attorney with the Baltimore County Office of Law in Baltimore. From April 2012 to October 2022, he was an associate attorney with Love, Fleming, Bearsch & Hurff LLC, serving as the attorney for the Harford County Department of Social Services, in Bel Air, Maryland. Judge Burger is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

Jackie G. Grau, Immigration Judge, Aurora Immigration Court

Jackie G. Grau was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Grau earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from Johns Hopkins University and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Carolina Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From August 2022 to June 2026, she was corporate counsel at Ho-Chunk Inc. in Bellevue, Nebraska. From January 2017 to August 2022, she was a staff attorney at Kutak Rock LLP in Omaha, Nebraska. From 2014 to 2015, she was associate counsel at FiServ (First Data) in Omaha, Nebraska. From 2003 to 2013, she was in private practice as a litigator in South Carolina. Judge Grau is a member of the State Bar of Arizona and the Nebraska State Bar.

Alexander R. Hallman, Immigration Judge, Falls Church Immigration Adjudication Center

Alexander R. Hallman was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Hallman earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2008 from Dickinson College, a Juris Doctor in 2011 from the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2014 from Temple University Beasley School of Law. From April 2023 to October 2026, he served as an attorney advisor with the Pennsylvania National Guard in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. From August 2020 to April 2023, he was with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, serving as an assistant staff judge advocate from July 2021 to April 2023, and as a trial defense counsel from August 2020 to July 2021. From December 2019 to August 2020, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Berks County District Attorney's Office in Reading, Pennsylvania. From January 2017 to December 2019, he served as an assistant counsel with the Office of Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, in Harrisburg,

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Pennsylvania. From October 2014 to December 2016, he served as an assistant public defender with the Berks County Public Defender's Office in Reading, Pennsylvania. From January 2014 to October 2014, he served as an assistant public defender with the York County Public Defender's Office in York, Pennsylvania. From June 2012 to January 2014, he served as an assistant district attorney with the York County District Attorney's Office in York, Pennsylvania. Judge Hallman is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

Cortney N. Hellard, Immigration Judge, Falls Church Immigration Adjudication Center

Cortney N. Hellard was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Hellard earned a Bachelor of Science in 2009 from the University of Kentucky and a Juris Doctor in 2012 from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. From September 2025 to October 2026, and from June 2021 to August 2024, she served as the first assistant county attorney and assistant county attorney with the Anderson County Attorney's Office in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. From October 2017 to June 2021, she served as an assistant county attorney with the Jefferson County Attorney's Office in Louisville, Kentucky. From January 2013 to October 2017, she served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney with the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Judge Hellard is a member of the Kentucky Bar.

William Irvine, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court

William Irvine was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Irvine earned a Bachelor of Science in 2007 from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from the University of Miami School of Law. From January 2021 to October 2026, he was as a partner at Goede, DeBoest & Cross PLLC in Boca Raton, Florida. Since June 2019, he also served as a judge advocate in the Florida Army National Guard. From April 2017 to January 2021, he was as an associate at Hightower, Stratton, Novigrod, Costello, Uzzi & Kantor in West Palm Beach, Florida. From 1997 to 2006, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, including deployment during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Judge Irvine is a member of the Florida Bar.

Michael A. Jones, Immigration Judge, Santa Ana Immigration Court

Michael A. Jones was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Jones earned a Bachelor of Science in 1989 from Mercer University and a Juris Doctor in 1993 from Georgia State University College of Law. From January 2023 to October 2026, he served as assistant U.S. trustee at Region 16, Executive Office for U.S. Trustees, Department of Justice, in Los Angeles. Since June 2017, he has served as deputy staff judge advocate for the 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, in Los Alamitos, California. From October 2014 to June 2017, he served as command judge advocate for the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, California Army National Guard, in San Diego. From February 2010 to October 2014, he served as senior defense counsel for the U.S. Army Trial Defense Service in Sacramento, California. From December 2008 to November 2009, he served as a foreign claims commissioner for the U.S. Army, including service in Kosovo. From April 2006 to August 2008, he served as trial counsel for the 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, in Los Alamitos. From June 1993 to December 2022, he was a senior attorney and founding member at M Jones & Associates

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PC in Santa Ana, California. Judge Jones is a member of the State Bar of California and the State Bar of Georgia.

Priscilla M. Lewis, Immigration Judge, Falls Church Immigration Adjudication Center

Priscilla M. Lewis was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Lewis earned a Bachelor of Science in 1980 from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a Juris Doctor in 1984 from Delaware Law School. From May 2010 to June 2021, she served as an administrative law judge with the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission in Washington, D.C., and during this time in 2018 and 2019, she served on a temporary detail as an administrative law judge with the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, Executive Office for Immigration Review. From April 2005 to May 2010, she served as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals in Miami, and the National Hearing Center in Falls Church, Virginia. From January 2000 to April 2005, she was an attorney at Robert B. Rae PC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. From September 1995 to January 2000, she was an attorney with Kershner and Hawkins PC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. From December 1993 to September 1995, she was a partner in Rae, Bergstrom and Rae PC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. From December 1991 to December 1993, she was a special assistant U.S. attorney with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Hampton, Virginia. From January 1991 to September 1991, she was recalled to active duty with the U.S. Navy in the Naval Legal Service Office – Mid Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. From March 1990 to January 1991, she served as an assistant district attorney with the District Attorney's Office for Onslow County in Jacksonville, North Carolina. From October 1989 to March 1990, she was an attorney with Taylor and Kripner PC in Jacksonville, North Carolina. From October 1987 to October 1989, she served as a staff judge advocate at Commander Naval Base Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From May 1985 to October 1987, she served as a member of the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate's Corps at Naval Legal Service Office – Mid Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. Judge Lewis served in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps reserves from 1991 until her retirement as a commander in 2009. Judge Lewis is a member of the Florida Bar.

Julie Huffman McCarver, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court

Julie Huffman McCarver was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge McCarver earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees in 2000 from the University of Missouri – Kansas City, and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from the University of Kansas. From October 2010 until October 2026, she operated her own law firm, McCarver Law Firm LLC in Farmington, Missouri. From September 2004 until October 2010, she was an associate attorney at Kramer & Hand LLC in Hillsboro, Missouri, and from August 2003 until September 2004, she was an associate Attorney at Brown & James PC in Kansas City, Missouri. Judge McCarver is a member of the Missouri Bar.

Matt D. McConnell, Immigration Judge, New Orleans Immigration Court

Matt D. McConnell was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge McConnell earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from the University of the South and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from Tulane Law School. From 2011 to September 2026, he was a sole practitioner at McConnell Law Offices in Lafayette, Louisiana. From 2008 to 2011, he was a partner at Elmore and McConnell law firm. From 1996 to 2007, he

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served in various legal positions including as an assistant district attorney with the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. Judge McConnell is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Jeffrey W. McCray, Immigration Judge, Fort Snelling Immigration Court

Jeffrey W. McCray was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge McCray earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1986 from Ohio State University, and a Juris Doctor in 1989 from Ohio State University College of Law. From July of 2022 to October of 2026, he was a trial attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, in St. Louis. From May 2015 to July 2022, he served as an attorney and law clerk for the assigned administrative law judges with Office of Hearings Operations, Social Security Administration, in St. Louis. From September 1989 to February of 2019, he also served in both active and reserve duty as a commissioned officer for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. Judge McCray is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

David Nichoff, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center

David Nichoff was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Nichoff earned a Bachelor of Science in 1994 from Madonna University and a Juris Doctorate in 2014 from the University of Detroit Mercy. From April 2024 to October 2026, he served as counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in San Antonio. From October 2017 to April 2024, he served as an assistant district attorney with the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office in San Antonio. From September 2001 to March 2013, he served as a special agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, in Brownsville, Texas, and in Detroit, with temporary assignments in Colombia and Panama. From October 1994 to September 2001, he served as a deputy sheriff with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office in Detroit. Judge Nichoff is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Kathy W. Parrino, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court

Kathy W. Parrino was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Parrino earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from New York University and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the City of New York School of Law. From December 2021 to October 2026, she served with the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, New York State Supreme Court, first as the deputy chief attorney of the Attorney Discipline Department, then as the executive director of attorney matters and counsel to the Committees on Character and Fitness. From December 2010 to December 2021, she served as the principal attorney with the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York State Supreme Court. From July 2007 to December 2010, she served as a staff attorney with the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct. From September 2003 to June 2007, she served as a senior assistant district attorney with the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York. From December 2002 to September 2003, she worked at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison. Judge Parrino is a member of the New York State Bar.

Clark Petschek, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court

Clark Petschek was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Petschek earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Northeastern University School of Law. From June 2018 to October 2026, he served as a hearing officer with the New York State and Local Retirement System. From July 2019 to October 2026, he also served as a hearing officer with the New York State Gaming Commission. From April 2015 to January 2021, he was principal and general counsel at DDCues LLC in West Point, New York. From February 2014 to January 2015, he served as senior counsel and director at BMO Capital Markets in New York City. From October 2003 to February 2014, he practiced law with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in Boston and New York City. From 1992 to 2000, he served on active duty in the U.S. Army, initially as an infantry officer and then as a special forces officer. Judge Petschek is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and the New York State Bar.

Tracy C. Riley, Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court

Tracy C. Riley was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Riley earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. From December 2025 to September 2026, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix. From September 2020 to December 2025, 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 Phoenix. From April 2010 to September 2020, she was an associate attorney at the Law Offices of Pfarr & Rethore in Phoenix. From May 2009 through April 2010, she was a law clerk and then associate attorney at the Law Office of Alan Simpson in Phoenix. Judge Riley is a member of the State Bar of Arizona.

Brett J. Rogers, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court

Brett J. Rogers was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science in 2004 from Andrew Jackson University and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the Seattle University School of Law. From October 2025 to October 2026, he served as counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Seattle. From July 2025 to September 2025, he was of counsel with Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig PLLC in Leesburg, Virginia. From February 2024 to May 2025, he was of counsel with the Silent Majority Foundation in Pasco, Washington. From April 2019 to April 2022, he served as operations manager with the Seattle Police Department. From March 1996 to July 2014, he served as police lieutenant, sergeant, and officer with the Seattle Police Department. He also practiced employment law periodically throughout his career. Judge Rogers is a member of the Washington State Bar.

Timothy L. Strange, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court

Timothy L. Strange was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Strange earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, a Juris Doctor in 1994 from Delaware Law School, and a Master

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of Laws in 1995 from Delaware Law School. From October 2025 to October 2026, he served as counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Philadelphia. From October 2024 to October 2025, he worked in a quasi-judicial position as a custody hearing officer with the Family Court of Philadelphia. Judge Strange served in various legal positions from 1995 to 2024 including as counsel for the Philadelphia Police Officers Union from 2003 to 2019, and as an assistant district attorney with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office from April 1998 to April 2001. Judge Strange is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar and the New Jersey State Bar.

David D. Vandenberg, Immigration Judge, Sterling Immigration Court

David D. Vandenberg was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Vandenberg earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Fine Arts in 1988 from the University of Arkansas, a Doctor of Philosophy in 1994 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Juris Doctor in 2015 from Atlanta's John Marshall School of Law. From August 2025 to October 2026, he was a trial attorney in the Criminal, Federal Coordination and Compliance, as well as the Voting sections of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. From January to August 2026, he also served as a deputy district attorney with the Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office in Silver City, New Mexico. From April 2023 to December 2024, he served as an assistant district attorney with the 34th District Attorney's Office in El Paso, Texas. From September 2021 to April 2023, he served as an assistant district attorney with the First District Attorney's Office in Santa Fe, New Mexico. From July 2020 to September 2021, he was unemployed due to a mandatory budget reduction in the Texas courts during the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 2019 to June 2020, he served as a staff attorney with the Eighth Texas Court of Appeals in El Paso. From August 2018 to May 2019, he served as an attorney associate and acting attorney supervisor with the Third Judicial District Court in Las Cruces, New Mexico. From July 2015 to August 2018, he served as a paralegal and associate attorney at the law offices of C.L Ray in Austin, Texas. Judge Vandenberg is a member of the State Bar of New Mexico and the State Bar of Texas.

Temporary Immigration Judges

Jason K. Kaneyuki, Temporary Immigration Judge, San Diego Immigration Court

Jason K. Kaneyuki was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Kaneyuki earned a Bachelor of Science in 2002 from Brigham Young University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. Since August 2006, he has served as a naval officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in various roles and locations throughout the world. Judge Kaneyuki holds the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Judge Kaneyuki is a member of the Hawaii State Bar.

Courtney E. Lewis, Temporary Immigration Judge, Oakdale Immigration Court

Courtney E. Lewis was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Lewis earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from Villanova University and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from Suffolk University Law School. From July 2024 to

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September 2026, she was an assistant commonwealth's attorney for the City of Virginia Beach. From October 2022 to June 2024, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee. From October 2005 to October 2026, she served as legal assistance attorney, defense counsel, staff judge advocate, trial counsel, and military judge, at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia; Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq; Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada; and Naval District Washington, D.C. Judge Lewis holds the rank of captain in the Navy Reserve. Judge Lewis is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and the Virginia State Bar.

Lauren Mayo, Temporary Immigration Judge, Miami Krome (Detained) Immigration Court

Lauren Mayo was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Mayo earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from Rice University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2008 from the University of Houston Law Center, and a Master of Laws in 2019 from the George Washington School of Law. From January 2024 to October 2026, she served as the chief special trial counsel and special trial counsel with the Office of Special Trial Counsel in Norfolk, Virginia. From September 2020 to January 2024, she served as the senior defense counsel and defense counsel at Defense Service Southeast in Norfolk, Virginia. From June 2019 to September 2020, she served as the executive assistant to the chief judge of the Navy in Washington, D.C. From July 2017 to August 2018, she served as a deputy director of the Defense Counsel Assistance Program in Norfolk, Virginia. From July 2014 to July 2017, she served as a trial counsel and assistant senior trial counsel with the Region Legal Service Office Mid Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. From July 2012 to July 2014, she served as a criminal law instructor with the Naval Justice School Detachment Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia. From April 2009 to July 2012, she served as a legal assistance attorney, defense attorney, and assistant senior defense counsel with the Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. Judge Mayo holds the rank of commander. Judge Mayo is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Jacob E. Meusch, Temporary Immigration Judge, Tacoma Immigration Court

Jacob E. Meusch was appointed as a temporary immigration judge to begin hearing cases in October 2026. Judge Meusch earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2007 from Creighton University, a Juris Doctor in 2010 from the University of Iowa College of Law, a Master of Laws in 2019 from the University of Virginia School of Law, and a Master of Arts in 2020 from the Naval War College. Judge Meusch has been on active duty in the U.S. Navy since 2010 and holds the rank of commander. From August 2023 to September 2026, he served as the chief and deputy chief special trial counsel at the Office of Special Trial Counsel, Detachments Bremerton and Pearl Harbor in Bremerton, Washington. From August 2022 to August 2023, he was a military prosecutor at Region Legal Service Office, Northwest in Bremerton, Washington. From June 2019 to July 2022, he served as a military defense counsel at the Military Commissions Defense Organization in Washington D.C. From 2016 to 2018, he served as an appellate defense counsel at the Navy Appellate Defense Division in Washington, D.C. From 2015 to 2016, he served as a law clerk at the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in Washington, D.C. From 2013 to 2015, he served as the staff judge advocate for Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo in Sasebo, Japan. From 2012 to 2013, he served as a military defense counsel at Defense Service Office Southeast in

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Norfolk, Virginia. From 2010 to 2012, he served as a legal assistance attorney and military defense counsel at Naval Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. Judge Meusch is a member of the Illinois State Bar and Nebraska State Bar.

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