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## **Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in 27 Immigration Judges**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review today announced the investiture of 27 new immigration judges. Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Mary Cheng presided over the investiture during a ceremony held Oct. 11, 2019, at the Department of Justice’s Great Hall in the District of Columbia.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General William Barr appointed Robert C. Bartlemay, Brea C. Burgie, Andrew J. Caborn, L. Batya Schwartz Ehrens, Pedro J. Espinal, Jason D. Ferguson, Guy G. Grande, Forrest W. Hoover III, Joseph S. Imburgia, Melissa B. Karlen, Deborah E. Klahr, Theodora N. Kouris, Alexandra Larsen, Joshua D. Luskin, Christina M. Martyak, Erica J. McGuirk, Ian D. Midgley, Monte G. Miller, Bao Q. Nguyen, Jorge L. Pereira, Laura N. Pierro, Irene M. Recio, Cathy Sagesse, Brian Sardelli, Shelly W. Schools, Pallavi S. Shirole, and Gregory L. Simmons to their new positions.

Biographical information follows:

### **Immigration Judges**

#### **Robert C. Bartlemay Sr., Immigration Judge, Phoenix Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Robert C. Bartlemay Sr. to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Bartlemay earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 from Indiana University and a Juris Doctor in 1983 from the University of Toledo. From 2010 to 2019, he served as a senior attorney with Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Phoenix. From 2007 to 2010, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Phoenix. From 1983 to 2007, he served as a judge advocate for the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Carswell Air Force Base, Texas; Comiso Air Station, Italy; Reese Air Force Base, Texas; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia; Kelly Air Force Base, Texas; Anderson Air Force Base, Guam; and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Judge Bartlemay is a member of the Indiana State Bar and Texas State Bar.

**Brea C. Burgie, Immigration Judge, Denver Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Brea C. Burgie to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Burgie received a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from the University of Northern Colorado and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. In 2019, she served as the legal program director for the International Rescue Committee, in Denver. From 2016 to 2019, she served as the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review's (EOIR) fraud and abuse prevention counsel. From 2009 to 2011, she served as an attorney advisor through the Attorney General's Honors Program, Office of the General Counsel, EOIR, for the Phoenix and Tucson immigration courts. From 2008 to 2009, she was the legal director for the Asylum Program of Arizona. From 2007 to 2008, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ann A. Scott Timmer, formerly of the Arizona Court of Appeals. Judge Burgie is a member of the Arizona State Bar and Colorado State Bar.

**Andrew J. Caborn, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Andrew J. Caborn to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Caborn earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from California State University, a Juris Doctor in 2007 from Whittier College, and a Master of Laws in 2015 from University of California, Berkeley. From 2015 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in San Francisco. From 2013 to 2014, he served as a senior deputy district attorney for the Tulare County District Attorney's Office (TCDA), in Tulare, California. From 2008 to 2013, he served as a deputy district attorney, TCDA, in Tulare, California. In 2008, he worked as an associate attorney at Dapeer Rosenblit and Litvak LLP, in Los Angeles. Judge Caborn is a member of the California State Bar and the Washington State Bar.

**L. Batya Schwartz Ehrens, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed L. Batya Schwartz Ehrens to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Schwartz Ehrens earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from Emory University, a Juris Doctor in 2003 from American University Washington College of Law, and a Master of Business Administration in 2004 from American University Kogod School of Business. From 2012 to 2019, she was the founder and principal attorney at Schwartz Ehrens Immigration Law PLLC, in New York. From 2006 to 2012, she was an immigration attorney in private practice in New York. Judge Schwartz Ehrens is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and New York State Bar.

**Pedro J. Espinal, Immigration Judge, San Juan Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Pedro J. Espinal to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Espinal earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from the University of Puerto Rico and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from University of Puerto Rico School of Law. From 2016 to 2019, he served as a deputy chief counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in San Juan, Puerto

Rico. From 2011 to 2016, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. From 2009 to 2011, he served as an adjudications services officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), DHS, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. From 2007 to 2009, he served as an adjudications services officer, USCIS, DHS, in New York. From 2004 to 2007, he was a trial attorney with Lavergne-Ramirez & Colon-Machargo LLC, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Judge Espinal is a member of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Bar.

**Jason D. Ferguson, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jason D. Ferguson to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Ferguson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2006 from Texas Tech University and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from University of Houston Law Center. From 2016 to 2019, he served as first assistant district attorney for the 119th Judicial District of Texas, in San Angelo, Texas. From 2012 to 2016, he served as an assistant district attorney for the 51st and 119th Judicial Districts of Texas, in San Angelo, Texas. From 2010 to 2012, he served as an assistant district attorney for the 31st Judicial District of Texas, in Pampa, Texas. Judge Ferguson is a member of the Texas State Bar.

**Guy G. Grande, Immigration Judge, San Diego Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Guy G. Grande to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Grande earned a Bachelor of Science in 1989 from University of California, Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from University of San Diego. From 2015 to 2019, he served as assistant chief counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, in San Diego. From 1994 to 2015, he worked in private immigration practice at Aguirre Law Group APC. Judge Grande is a member of the California State Bar.

**Forrest W. Hoover III, Immigration Judge, New York – Varick Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Forrest W. Hoover III to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Hoover earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Drexel University, a Juris Doctor in 2008 from Temple University Beasley School of Law, and a Master of Criminal Law in 2012 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. In 2019, he retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Marine Corps after serving since 1999. From 2008 to 2019, he served as a judge advocate, defense counsel, prosecutor, and military judge for the U.S. Marine Corps in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Okinawa, Japan. From 1999 to 2005, he served as a logistics officer for the U.S. Marine Corps in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Okinawa, Japan; and Quantico, Virginia. Judge Hoover is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar and the New Jersey State Bar.

**Joseph S. Imburgia, Immigration Judge, Phoenix Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Joseph S. Imburgia to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Imburgia earned a Bachelor of Science in 1994 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a Juris Doctor in 2002 from University of Tennessee College of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2009 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. In 2019, he retired as a

colonel from the U.S. Air Force, having last served as the Chief Circuit Military Judge for the Pacific Circuit. From 2002 to 2019, he served as an attorney and a military judge with the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico; the U.S. Embassy, Canberra, Australia; Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; Travis Air Force Base, California; and Kadena Air Base, Japan. He also served two years as an exchange legal officer with the Australian Defense Force. Judge Imburgia is a member of the Tennessee State Bar.

**Melissa B. Karlen, Immigration Judge, Phoenix Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Melissa B. Karlen to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Karlen earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from the University of California, Riverside, and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from University of San Francisco School of Law. From 2008 to 2019, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, Department of Justice, in Phoenix. From 2007 to 2008, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Los Angeles. From 2002 to 2007, she served as a deputy prosecuting attorney with the City and County of Honolulu Prosecutor's Office, in Honolulu. From 2001 to 2002, she worked in private practice, in San Francisco. Judge Karlen is a member of the Arizona State Bar, California State Bar, Hawaii State Bar, and Washington State Bar.

**Deborah E. Klahr, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Deborah E. Klahr to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Klahr earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from Stern College, Yeshiva University and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. From 2018 to 2019, she served first as a supervisory immigration officer and then as a section chief with the New York City Field Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in New York. From 2017 to 2018, she served as a senior immigration services officer with the Newark Field Office, USCIS, DHS, in Newark, New Jersey. From 2013 to 2017, she served first as an asylum officer and then as a supervisory asylum officer with the Newark Asylum Office, USCIS, DHS, in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. From 2009 to 2013, she was immigration counsel with Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper P.C., in Westfield, New Jersey. From 2004 to 2013, she was an immigration attorney in private practice. From 2000 to 2004, she was a senior immigration associate with Merrill R. Cohen & Associates P.C., in New York. From 1997 to 1999, she was a staff attorney for the Bar Association for the City of New York, in New York. From 1996 to 1997, she was a litigation associate with Spector & Ehrenworth P.C., in Florham Park, New Jersey. From 1992 to 1996, she was a staff attorney for JASA/Legal Services for the Elderly, in New York. Judge Klahr is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and New York State Bar.

**Theodora N. Kouris, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Theodora N. Kouris to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Kouris earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from Cornell University and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Boston College Law School. In 2019, she worked as an associate attorney

for the Law Office of Usman B. Ahmad P.C., in Long Island, New York. From 2010 to 2019, she worked as an associate attorney at the Law Offices of Ted Sofer Esq. P.C., in New York. Judge Kouris is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar and New York State Bar.

**Alexandra Larsen, Immigration Judge, Omaha Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Alexandra Larsen to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Larsen earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from Macalester College and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Creighton University School of Law. From 2014 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Omaha, Nebraska. From 2012 to 2014, she served as an assistant chief counsel, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. From 2011 to 2012, she served as deputy chief and chief of OPLA, District Court Litigation Division (DCLD), ICE, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2008 to 2011, she served as an associate legal advisor for the DCLD, ICE, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2007 to 2008, she served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Donald E. O'Brien in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, in Sioux City, Iowa. From 2002 to 2007, she practiced civil litigation in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia. Judge Larsen is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Nebraska State Bar.

**Joshua D. Luskin, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Joshua D. Luskin to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Luskin earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from Macalester College and a Juris Doctor in 1997 from the University of Michigan. From 2015 to 2019, he served as commissioner at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. From 2011 to 2015, he served as arbitrator at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. From 2003 to 2011, he was in private practice at the litigation firm of Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry. From 2000 to 2003, he served as a judge advocate for the U.S. Navy. In 1999, he served as of counsel to the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office, in Illinois. In 1998, he served as an assistant state's attorney, in Champaign County, Illinois. Judge Luskin is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

**Christina M. Martyak, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Christina M. Martyak to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Martyak earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from Boston College, a Masters of Arts in 2000 from Ball State University, and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from St. Thomas University. From 2006 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Miami. From 2005 to 2006, she served as an assistant statewide prosecutor for the Florida Office of the Attorney General, in Miami. From 2000 to 2004, she served as an assistant state attorney for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, in Miami. Judge Martyak is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Erica J. McGuirk, Immigration Judge, Houston Immigration Court**

Attorney General Barr appointed Erica J. McGuirk to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge McGuirk earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from University of Connecticut and a Juris

Doctor in 1998 from the University of Iowa College of Law. From 2012 to 2019, she served as an associate counsel with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Houston. From 2003 to 2012, she served as a senior attorney and assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS, in Houston. From 2002 to 2003, she served as an assistant district counsel, Office of the District Counsel, with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, in Houston. From 1998 to 2002, she served as a trial attorney with the Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor, in Dallas. Judge McGuirk is a member of the Iowa State Bar and Texas State Bar.

### **Ian D. Midgley, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Ian D. Midgley to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Midgley earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from Youngstown State University and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. From 2014 to 2019, he served as a supervisory administrative law judge with the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Department of Health and Human Services, in Miami. From 2008 to 2014, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Orlando, Florida. From 2006 to 2008, he served as an active duty judge advocate for the U.S. Navy, in Yokosuka, Japan. From 2001 to 2006, he served as an active duty judge advocate with the U.S. Army, in Kitzingen, Germany, and at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Since 2009, he has served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Navy Reserve. Judge Midgley is a member of the Florida Bar.

### **Monte G. Miller, Immigration Judge, Bloomington Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Monte G. Miller to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from the University of Minnesota and a Juris Doctor in 1993 from William Mitchell College of Law. He is currently a captain and judge advocate in the U.S. Navy Reserve. From 2001 to 2019, he served as an assistant and senior attorney with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Criminal Division, in Minneapolis. From 2017 to 2019, he served as a trial judge with the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. From 2012 to 2017, he served as an appellate judge with the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. From 1994 to 2019, he served as a judge advocate and military judge for the U.S. Navy in the following locations: Naval Air Station Corpus, Christi, Texas; Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Sicily; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island; Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia; Commander Amphibious Group 2, Little Creek, Virginia; Regional Legal Service Office, Yokosuka, Japan; Office of Military Commissions, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Marine Corps Base Camp, Pendleton, California; and Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington. Judge Miller is a member of the Minnesota State Bar.

### **Bao Q. Nguyen, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Bar appointed Bao Q. Nguyen to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Nguyen earned a Bachelor of Science in 2001 from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from Temple University School of Law. From 2016 to 2019, he

served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in San Antonio and Pearsall, Texas. From 2013 to 2016, he was an attorney for Margaret W. Wong & Associates, in Cleveland. From 2007 to 2013, he was an attorney for Reza Athari & Associates, in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City. In 2006, he was an attorney for Law Offices of Tahir Mella, in Philadelphia. Judge Nguyen is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar.

**Jorge L. Pereira, Immigration Judge, Miami (Krome) Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jorge L. Pereira to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Pereira earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from Florida International University and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from St. Thomas University School of Law. From 2008 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Miami. From 1999 to 2008, he was an attorney and shareholder with Mesa & Pereira P.A., in Miami. From 1996 to 1999, he was an associate attorney at the Law Office of Tomas F. Gamba P.A. From 1995 to 1996, he served as an assistant state attorney for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, in Miami. Judge Pereira is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Laura N. Pierro, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Laura N. Pierro to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Pierro earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a Juris Doctor in 1997 from Wake Forest University School of Law. In 2018, she served as the deputy executive assistant prosecutor in charge of litigation for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office (OCPO), in Toms River, New Jersey. From 2013 to 2018, she served as the chief trial attorney for OCPO, in Toms River, New Jersey. From 2012 to 2013, she served as a senior assistant prosecutor and trial team leader for the Presiding Criminal Judge of OCPO. From 2007 to 2013, she was the director of the Special Victims' Unit at OCPO. From 1999 to 2007, she served OCPO as an assistant prosecutor in the Grand Jury, Juvenile and Trial Sections. From 1997 to 1998, she served as a law clerk to three criminal judges of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth Vicinage and the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Pierro is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and New Jersey State Bar.

**Irene M. Recio, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Irene M. Recio to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Recio earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from the University of Miami, a Master of International Business Management in 1991 from University of Miami School of International Studies, and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from University of Miami School of Law. From 2014 to 2019, she served as branch chief at the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS). From 2013 to 2014, she served as an adjudications officer and supervisor at the Immigrant Investor Program Office, USCIS, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2012 to 2013, she served as an adjudications officer at AAO, USCIS, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2010 to 2011, she served as a legal services manager and general counsel for BPSOS Inc., in Falls Church, Virginia. From 2005 to 2010, she worked as an associate attorney and of counsel at Reed Smith

LLP., in the District of Columbia. From 2003 to 2004, she worked as an associate attorney at Steptoe & Johnson LLP., in the District of Columbia. From 1999 to 2003, she worked as an attorney with Baker & McKenzie, in the District of Columbia. From 1997 to 1999, she worked as an attorney with Magda Montiel Davis P.A., in Miami and the District of Columbia. Judge Recio is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Florida Bar.

**Cathy Sagesse, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Cathy Sagesse to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Sagesse earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from Stetson University College of Law. From 2016 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Miami. From 2007 to 2016, she served as an assistant state attorney for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, in Miami. Judge Sagesse is a member of the Florida Bar.

**Brian Sardelli, Immigration Judge, Bloomington Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Brian Sardelli to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Sardelli earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. From 2017 to 2019, he worked in private practice. From 2012 to 2017, he served as a trial attorney in the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Department of Justice, in the District of Columbia. From 2006 to 2012, he served as an AUSA in the Southern District of Texas and the District of Arizona. From 2001 to 2005, he served as an army officer and judge advocate with the First Infantry Division serving in Virginia, Germany, Kosovo, and Iraq. Judge Sardelli is a member of the Minnesota State Bar.

**Shelly W. Schools, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Shelly W. Schools to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Schools earned a Bachelor of Science in 1994 from the University of Mississippi, a Juris Doctor in 1997 from the University of Mississippi, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science in 2009 from Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In 2019, she retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force. From 1997 to 2019, Judge Schools served as a judge advocate, prosecutor, defense counsel at the trial and appellate level, staff judge advocate, and trial judge in the U.S. Air Force at the following locations: Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; the Pentagon, District of Columbia; Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas; U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas; and Travis Air Force Base, California. Judge Schools is a member of the Mississippi State Bar.

**Pallavi S. Shirole, Immigration Judge, Elizabeth Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Pallavi S. Shirole to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Shirole earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2006 from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from University of Baltimore School of Law. From 2017 to



2019, she served as an associate legal advisor for the National Security Law Section, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in the District of Columbia. From 2016 to 2017, she served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Portland, Oregon. From 2015 to 2017, she directed the Law & Leadership Program at Frederick Douglass High School, in Baltimore. From 2010 to 2015, she served as an assistant state's attorney for the Office of the State's Attorney, in Baltimore. Judge Shirole is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

### **Gregory L. Simmons, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court**

Attorney General William Barr appointed Gregory L. Simmons to begin hearing cases in October 2019. Judge Simmons earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1985 from the University of Texas, a Juris Doctor in 1989 from Baylor University School of Law, and a Master of Laws in 1996 from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. In 2013, he retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after a career of 26 years. From 2009 to 2013, he served as a general courts-martial trial judge, in California. From 1989 to 2009, he served as a judge advocate in the following locations: Newport, Rhode Island; Albany, Georgia, including an appointment as a special assistant U.S. attorney (SAUSA) for the Middle District of Georgia; Kaneohe Bay and Honolulu, Hawaii, including appointment as a SAUSA for the District of Hawaii; San Diego, California; the Pentagon, District of Columbia; Camp Pendleton, California; and overseas. Judge Simmons is a member of the Texas State Bar.

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