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Attorney General Mukasey Appoints Five New Members to the Board of Immigration Appeals

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey announced today the appointment of five new members of the Executive Office for Immigration Review's Board of Immigration Appeals (Board). The new Board members are: Charles K. Adkins-Blanch, Anne J. Greer, Garry D. Malphrus, Hugh G. Mullane and Linda S. Wendtland.

Charles K. Adkins-Blanch

Mr. Adkins-Blanch has served as an immigration judge since April 2004. Before taking the bench, he served within the Executive Office for Immigration Review as the General Counsel from 1999 to 2004, as the Associate General Counsel from 1995 to 1999, and as a Judicial Law Clerk and Attorney Advisor from 1990 to 1995. Mr. Adkins-Blanch holds a B.A. degree from Grinnell College and a J.D. degree from the George Washington University National Law Center.

Anne J. Greer

Ms. Greer has served as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge since April 2003. Prior to taking the bench, she worked as an attorney at the Board of Immigration Appeals for more than 10 years. Since 1996, Ms. Greer also has served as an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University School of Law teaching immigration law. Ms. Greer holds a B.A. degree from Allegheny College, and a J.D. degree from George Mason University School of Law.

Garry D. Malphrus

Mr. Malphrus became an immigration judge in March 2005. From 2001 to 2005, he was the Associate Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council where his primary responsibilities involved matters relating to crime and sentencing, law enforcement, the Constitution, immigration and homeland security. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Malphrus served as Chief Counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution. From 1993 to 1997, he served as a judicial law clerk for a series of Federal judges. Mr. Malphrus holds a B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina and a J.D. degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Hugh G. Mullane

Mr. Mullane has served as Special Counsel within the Office of Legal Policy since April 2005, where he handles legislative, policy and litigation issues relating to immigration and homeland security. From 2004 to 2005, he was the Director of Immigration Security for the Homeland Security Council at the White House. From 1995 to 2004, he served as the Senior Litigation Counsel within the Office of Immigration Litigation. Mr. Mullane holds a B.A. degree from Siena College and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Linda S. Wendtland

Ms. Wendtland has served as an Assistant Director in the Office of Immigration Litigation since May 1996. Prior to that time, she was a private practitioner in a law firm from 1990 to 1996. She began her legal career in the Office of Immigration Litigation in 1985, where she served until she went into private practice in 1990. Ms. Wendtland holds a B.A. from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

The Board of Immigration Appeals is part of the Executive Office for Immigration Review located in Falls Church, Va., and is responsible for hearing appeals of decisions rendered by immigration judges or certain Department of Homeland Security officers. It is the highest administrative body for interpreting and applying Federal immigration laws.

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