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## **EOIR Announces 20 New Immigration Judges**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the investiture of 20 Immigration Judges, including three Assistant Chief Immigration Judges. As was noted [today](#) by Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen, EOIR’s Immigration Judge corps has increased nearly 70 percent since January 2017.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Jefferson B. Brown, Colleen M. Glaser-Allen, Charles P. Koutras, Samantha L. Begovich, Brendan Curran, Blake L. Doughty, Robert P. Driscoll, Patrick J. Ehlers, Randall L. Fluke, Ralph E. Girvin Jr., Edward P. Grogan, Glen R. Hines, DeLana M. Jones, Tanawa Lebreton, Wilbur Lee, James R. McKee, James J. Miller Jr., Thomas J. Mungoven, Joshua D. Osborn, and Christopher M. Schumann to their new positions.

Biographical information follows:

### **Jefferson B. Brown, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Port Isabel Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Jefferson B. Brown as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Brown earned a Bachelor of Science in 1990 from Florida State University, a Juris Doctor in 1993 from Vanderbilt Law School, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science in 2006 from Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. In 2020, he retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force. From 1994 to 2020, he served as a chief circuit trial judge, deputy circuit trial judge, appellate judge, trial judge, staff judge advocate, deputy staff judge advocate, appellate defense counsel, trial defense counsel, and prosecutor in the following locations: Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; Joint Base Andrews, Maryland; Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia; Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England; Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq; Luke Air Force Base, Glendale, Arizona; Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia; Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi; and Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas. Judge Brown is a member of the Alabama State Bar.

### **Colleen M. Glaser-Allen, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Otay Mesa Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Colleen M. Glaser-Allen as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Glaser-Allen earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Illinois College of Law at Urbana-Champaign, and a Master of Laws in 2007 from the George

Washington University Law School. From 2018 to 2020, she served as the chief trial judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. From 2016 to 2018, she served at the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, including from 2017 to 2018 as the chief appellate judge. From 1995 to 2020, she served as an active duty judge advocate in the U.S. Navy in the following locations: Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia; Naval Station Rota, Spain; Naval Station Bremerton, Washington; USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70); the Law and Order Task Force, Rusafa, Iraq; Naval Station Yokosuka, Japan; and Washington Navy Yard, District of Columbia. Judge Glaser-Allen is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

**Charles P. Koutras, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Charles P. Koutras as an Assistant Chief Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Koutras earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from Southwestern University and a Juris Doctor and a Master of Arts in 1997 from St. Mary's University. From 2006 to 2020, he served as an attorney for U.S. Army South at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From 1997 to present, he has served in active duty and reserve capacities as a judge advocate in the U.S. Navy in the following locations: Navy Region Southwest, San Diego, California; Navy Reserve Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Naval Station Bremerton, Washington; Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida; U.S. Southern Command, Miami; Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy; Naval Support Activity La Maddalena, Italy; and Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida. From 2002 to 2004, he served as an assistant city attorney for the city of San Antonio. Judge Koutras is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Samantha L. Begovich, Immigration Judge, Otay Mesa Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Samantha L. Begovich as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Begovich earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from the University of California, San Diego, and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from Stanford Law School. From 1996 to 2020, she served as a deputy district attorney for the Office of the District Attorney, County of San Diego, California. During this time, in 2015, she also served on detail as a special assistant deputy attorney general for the State of California, Department of Justice. From 1994 to 1996, she served as a trial attorney for the Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, Department of Justice, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. In 1994, while in the Attorney General's Honors Program, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Judge Begovich is a member of the State Bar of California and the State Bar of Texas.

**Brendan Curran, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Brendan Curran as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Curran earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from Marquette University and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from DePaul University College of Law. From 2007 to 2020, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Chicago. From 1999 to 2007, he served as an assistant state attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, in Chicago. From 1994 to 1999, he served as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps of the U.S. Navy. He was stationed at Naval Training Center Great Lakes, in Illinois, and at sea aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). He remains a JAG in the reserve component of the U.S. Navy, having mobilized and deployed overseas in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2013. Judge Curran is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

**Blake L. Doughty, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Blake L. Doughty as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Doughty earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from the University of Georgia and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from Roger Williams University School of Law. From 2019 to 2020, he served as deputy chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Atlanta. From 2015 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Atlanta and Lumpkin, Georgia. From 2014 to 2015, he served as an assistant district attorney, in Hall County, Georgia. From 2009 to 2014, he served as a U.S. Army judge advocate in the following locations: Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan; and Fort Benning, Georgia. Judge Doughty is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**Robert P. Driscoll, Immigration Judge, Batavia Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Robert P. Driscoll as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Driscoll earned a Bachelor of Science in 1984 from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor in 1993 from the Capital University Law School. From 1998 to 2020, he served as an assistant attorney for the Athens County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, in Athens, Ohio. From 1993 to 1998, he was in private practice, in Columbus, Ohio. Judge Driscoll is a member of the Ohio State Bar.

**Patrick J. Ehlers, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Patrick J. Ehlers as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Ehlers earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a Juris Doctor in 1993 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. From 2015 to 2020, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney, in Portland, Oregon. During this time, he also served as a resident legal advisor for the Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training in Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Malta. From 2003 to 2015, he served as an assistant federal public defender, in Portland. From 1999 to 2003, he served as an assistant federal public defender in the Capital Habeas unit, in Oklahoma City. From 1996 to 1998, he served as assistant public defender for the Oklahoma County Defender's Office, in Oklahoma City. From 1995 to 1996, he served as a judicial assistant to the Honorable Charles S. Chapel for the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals. From 1993 to 1995, he served as a capital post-conviction defense counsel for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, in Norman, Oklahoma. Judge Ehlers is a member of the Oklahoma State Bar, the Oregon State Bar, and the U.S. Virgin Islands Bar.

**Randall L. Fluke, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Randall L. Fluke as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Fluke earned an Associate of Arts in 1981 from San Jacinto Junior College, a Bachelor of Arts in 1981 from the University of Texas at Austin, a Juris Doctor in 1984 from Texas Tech University School of Law, and a Master of Strategic Studies in 2013 from the U.S. Army War College. From 1990 to 2020, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas. From 1986 to 1990, he served as an assistant district attorney for Lubbock and Midland Counties, in Texas. From 1984 to 1985, he was an associate attorney with Huffaker, Green, & Huffaker, Attorneys at Law, in Tahoka, Texas. From 1988 to 2018, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps, retiring as a colonel in 2018. His reserve and active duty assignments included: legal advisor, International

and Operational Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army (Pentagon) from 2016 to 2018 (reserves); legal advisor to the Convening Authority and Chief of Staff for the Office of Military Commissions, Department of Defense from 2015 to 2016 (active duty mobilization); and, reserve military judge, Third Circuit, from 2012 to 2015. Previous assignments included service as assistant command judge advocate, 807<sup>th</sup> Medical Command (active duty mobilization) and leadership positions in numerous reserve units. Judge Fluke is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Ralph E. Girvin Jr., Immigration Judge, Otero Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Ralph E. Girvin Jr., as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Girvin earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from St. Mary's University School of Law. From 2018 to 2020, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in El Paso, Texas. From 2016 to 2018, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas. From 2000 to 2016, he served as an assistant attorney and chief of the Civil and Criminal Divisions, for the County of El Paso, Texas. From 1996 to 1999, he served as an assistant district attorney for the 34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Texas. From 1986 to 1992, he served in various capacities in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Texas Army National Guard. Judge Girvin is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Edward P. Grogan, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Edward P. Grogan as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Grogan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from Albany Law School. From 2000 to 2020, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York, in Albany, New York. From 1994 to 2000, he served as a U.S. army judge advocate general officer, in Korea, Belgium, and Virginia. In 1993, he was in private practice, in Clifton Park, New York. From 1984 to 1988, he served as an army infantry officer, in Georgia and Germany. Judge Grogan is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Glen R. Hines, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Glen R. Hines as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Hines earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991, a Juris Doctor in 1994, both from the University of Arkansas, and a Master of Laws in 2005 from the George Washington University School of Law. From 2018 to 2020, he served as a civilian legal counsel and policy advisor for the Department of Defense (DOD). From 2014 to 2018, he served as circuit military judge, Eastern Judicial Circuit, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and as a legal and policy advisor for DOD, in Arlington, Virginia. From 2012 to 2014, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Arkansas. Since 1997, he has served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, including an overseas deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While on active duty from 1997 to 2012, he served as a prosecutor, appellate counsel, military trial judge, and military commissions prosecutor. Since joining the reserves in 2012, he has served as a trial judge three times and also served as an appellate judge on the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Hines is a member of the Arkansas State Bar.

**DeLana M. Jones, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed DeLana M. Jones as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Jones earned a Bachelor of Science in 1998 from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Harvard Law School. From 2013 to 2020, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, in Atlanta. From 2010 to 2013, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Linda T. Walker, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Georgia, in Atlanta. From 2006 to 2010, she was in private practice, in Atlanta. Judge Jones is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**Tanawa Lebreton, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Tanawa Lebreton as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Lebreton earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2003 from Hunter College and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Ave Maria School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, she was a practice group director with Inland Counties Legal Services, in Riverside, California. From 2010 to 2017, she was in private practice, in Temecula, California. From 2008 to 2009, she was a staff attorney with Catholic Legal Services, in Miami. From 2006 to 2008, she was a legal trainee/extern with Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-South, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Judge Lebreton is a member of the Florida State Bar.

**Wilbur Lee, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – Olive Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Wilbur Lee as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from the University of California, Irvine; a Juris Doctor in 1997 from the Southwestern University School of Law; and a Master of Laws in 2010 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. From 1998 to 2020, he served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps in the following locations: Iwakuni, Japan; Arlington, Virginia; District of Columbia; Jacksonville, North Carolina; Oceanside, California; Okinawa, Japan; San Diego, California; and Oahu, Hawaii. While serving as a Marine judge advocate, he served in various positions including defense counsel, appellate counsel, labor and employment counsel, supervisory prosecutor, staff judge advocate, and military judge. Judge Lee is a member of the California State Bar.

**James R. McKee, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed James R. McKee as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge McKee earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 from Syracuse University, a Juris Doctor in 1991 from the Syracuse University College of Law, and a Master of Laws in 2002 from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. From 2018 to 2020, he served as chief, Foreign Law Branch, Department of Defense, in Wiesbaden, Germany, and the Intelligence and Security Command, in Fort Meade, Maryland. From 2016 to 2018, he served with the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund, Department of Justice. From 1994 to 2016, he served as a U.S. Army judge advocate in multiple positions in the criminal, operational, and administrative law divisions. He also served in the legal assistance, training development and future concepts directorates, and as the first program manager of the Special Victims' Counsel Program, in the U.S., Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan. From 1996 to 2001, he served with NATO in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Kosovo. From 2003 to 2013, he served in Operation Enduring Freedom once and in Operation Iraqi Freedom three times, retiring as colonel in 2016. From 1989 to 1993, he served as an enlisted infantry soldier with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division,

New York Army National Guard. From 1991 to 1993, he served as a clerk for the 60<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Common Pleas, in Pike County, Pennsylvania. Judge McKee is a member of the New York State Bar and the Pennsylvania State Bar.

**James J. Miller Jr., Immigration Judge, El Paso Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed James J. Miller, Jr. as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1987 from Loras College, and a Juris Doctorate in 1990 from Hamline University School of Law. From 1998 to 2020, he served as the chief assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, Pecos Division, in Alpine, Texas. From 1994 to 1998, he served as the senior defense counsel, Trial Defense Service, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, at Fort Polk, Louisiana. From 1990 to 1994, he served as a claims, civil and administrative law attorney, and prosecutor with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps at Fort Bliss, Texas. Judge Miller is a member of the Minnesota State Bar.

**Thomas J. Mungoven, Immigration Judge, New York – Varick Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Thomas J. Mungoven as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Mungoven earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Hunter College and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Saint John's University School of Law. From 2004 to 2020, he was in private practice as the founder and lead attorney of Mungoven & Associates PC, in New York. From 2004 to 2008, he served as a staff attorney at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark Immigrant and Refugee Services Division. Judge Mungoven is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the New York State Bar.

**Joshua D. Osborn, Immigration Judge, Houston Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Joshua D. Osborn as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Osborn earned a Bachelor of Science in 2004 from Arizona State University and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of Kansas, School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Los Angeles (Adelanto). From 2009 to 2016, he served as a deputy county attorney in the Arizona counties of Graham, Apache, and Navajo. Judge Osborn is a member of the Arizona State Bar.

**Christopher M. Schumann, Immigration Judge, Houston Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Christopher M. Schumann as an Immigration Judge in October 2020. Judge Schumann earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from Arizona State University, a Juris Doctor in 1999 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 2000 to 2020, he was an attorney and a military judge with the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Yokota Air Base, Japan; Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; The Pentagon, District of Columbia; Misawa Air Base, Japan; Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; Royal Air Force, Lakenheath, England; and Travis Air Force Base, California. In October 2020, he retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force, having last served as the chief circuit military judge for the Western Circuit. Judge Schumann is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar.