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## **EOIR Announces 46 New Immigration Judges**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announces the investiture of 46 immigration judges, including three assistant chief immigration judges. This class brings the immigration judge corps to 509, which is the highest total ever, and double the size of 2015 levels.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Brandon M. Bolling, Jonathan W. Hitesman, Daren K. Margolin, Sherron Ashworth, John Cody Barnes, J. Thomas Bartleson, Judith F. Bonilla, Jeremy J. Butler, Andrew M. Calvelli, Lorianne M. Campanella, Charissa S. Dvorak, David W. Evans, Ryan A. Fisher, David A. Fraiden, Amber D. George, Robert J. Gundlach, Lakshmi Srinivasan Herman, Denise A. Hinds Roach, Amanda R. Jeannopoulos, Arkesia S. Jenkins, Allan F. John-Baptiste, Colin P. Johnson, Michael P. Klosowsky, Andrea Koppenhofer, Carolyn L. Krasinski, Edward F. Lee, Michael W. Lloyd, Luis A. Maldonado, Steven Marcus, John W. McPhail, Leila A. Mullican, Matthew J. O'Brien, Kristin Piepmeier, Daniel J. Redwood, Dara F. Reid, David V. Rhoden, Jose A. Rivera-Ortiz, David A. Russo, Michael A. Schnitzer, Joseph C. Scott, Elvin R. Talavera-Peraza, Kenley J. Thompson, Scott E. Thomsen, Michael A. Tripi, Curtis G. White, and David White to their new positions.

Biographical information follows:

### **Brandon M. Bolling, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, El Paso and El Paso (Detained) Immigration Courts**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Brandon M. Bolling as an assistant chief immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Bolling earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from Michigan State University, a Juris Doctor in 1999 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and a Master of Science in 2018 from the National War College. From 2017 to 2020, he served as senior trial counsel and director of litigation services at a not for profit law firm, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. From 2012 to 2017, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, in Detroit. From 2011 to 2012, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, in Tucson. From 1996 to present, he has served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps, including two overseas deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As a Marine, he has served as a trial and appellate prosecutor, defense counsel, evidence instructor, military judge, operational

planner, and in several supervisory litigation positions. Judge Bolling is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

**Jonathan W. Hitesman, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Sacramento Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Jonathan W. Hitesman as an assistant chief immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Hitesman earned a Bachelor of Science in 1990 from Norwich University, a Juris Doctor in 1997 from the University of Hawaii, and a Master of Laws in 2004 from the Georgetown University Law Center. From 1990 to 2020, he served on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, first as an infantry officer and later as a judge advocate. In 2020, he retired as a senior appellate military judge with the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Hitesman is a member of the Hawaii State Bar and the Minnesota State Bar.

**Daren K. Margolin, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Daren K. Margolin as an assistant chief immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Margolin earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1986 from the University of California, Irvine, a Juris Doctor in 1990 from New York Law School, and a Masters of Political Science/National Security Studies in 2010 from the Israeli National Defense College and Haifa University. From 1989 to 2016, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a defense attorney, prosecutor, appellate prosecutor, and military trial judge. He also served as the staff judge advocate (general counsel) for various Marine commands, including the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, 3d Marine Logistics Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, and I Marine Expeditionary Force. From August 2017 to June 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 Adelanto, California. Judge Margolin is a member of the Hawaii State Bar, New Jersey State Bar, and New York State Bar.

**Sherron Ashworth, Immigration Judge, Oakdale Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Sherron Ashworth as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Ashworth earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from Louisiana College and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center. From 2009 to 2020, she 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 Oakdale, Louisiana. From 2006 to 2009, she served as an assistant district attorney, in Allen Parish, Louisiana. From 2005 to 2006, she was an associate attorney with Bolen, Parker & Brenner, in Alexandria, Louisiana. From 2004 to 2005, she served as a law clerk for the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Ashworth is a member of the Louisiana State Bar.

**John Cody Barnes, Immigration Judge, Arlington Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed John Cody Barnes as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Barnes earned a Bachelor of Science in 2002 from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Ave Maria School of Law. From 2018 to 2020, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas, in Corpus Christi, Texas. From 2017 to 2018, he served as the editor of The Army Lawyer, Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, in Charlottesville, Virginia. From 2015 to 2017, he served as

a training officer, Defense Counsel Assistance Program, U.S. Army, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From 2013 to 2015, he served as defense counsel, U.S. Army, in the following locations: Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From 2010 to 2013, he served first as a labor counsel for a year, and then as a trial counsel/special assistant U.S. attorney, U.S. Army, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Judge Barnes is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**J. Thomas Bartleson, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed J. Thomas Bartleson as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Bartleson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from the University of Washington and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the University of Montana School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Montana, in Helena, Montana. From 2012 to 2017, he served in the Office of the State Public Defender, Major Crimes Unit, in Helena, Montana. From 2002 to 2012, he served in the U.S. Army and deployed as a judge advocate twice: once as the chief of claims for Multi-National Corps-Iraq/III Corps; and once as a trial defense counsel at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. During that time, from 2010 to 2011, he served as senior defense counsel at Fort Drum and the U.S. Military Academy. Judge Bartleson is a member of the State Bar of Montana.

**Judith F. Bonilla, Immigration Judge, El Paso Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Judith F. Bonilla as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Bonilla earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from St. Mary's University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University of Chicago Law School. From 2011 to 2020, she 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 2004 to 2009, she was an associate attorney with Holland & Knight LLP, in the District of Columbia. Judge Bonilla is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Maryland State Bar.

**Jeremy J. Butler, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Jeremy J. Butler as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Butler earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2003 from Cornell College and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Valparaiso University School of Law. From May 2019 to June 2020, he served as deputy chief of the Civil Division and an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii, in Honolulu. From 2014 to 2019, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, in Tucson. From 2012 to 2014, he served as an assistant attorney general, Civil Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office, in Tucson. From 2008 to 2011, he was an associate attorney with Burke, Costanza, & Carberry LLP, in Merrillville, Indiana. From 2006 to 2008, he served as a judicial law clerk for the U.S. District Court, District of Northern Indiana, in Merrillville. Judge Butler is a member of the Arizona State Bar and Indiana State Bar.

**Andrew M. Calvelli, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Andrew M. Calvelli as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Calvelli earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1987 from the University of Virginia and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from Rutgers University School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an administrative law judge for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, in Harrisburg. From 2010 to 2016, he served as an administrative law judge for the Pennsylvania

Department of Labor and Industry, in Philadelphia and King of Prussia. From 1996 to 2010, he was in private practice, in Malvern, Pennsylvania and Wayne, Pennsylvania. Judge Calvelli is a member of the Pennsylvania State Bar.

**Lorianne M. Campanella, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Lorianne M. Campanella as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Campanella earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1987 from the State University of New York at Binghamton, a Juris Doctorate in 1990 from California Western School of Law, a Masters of Law in 1999 from the Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Legal Center and School, and a Masters of Strategic Studies in 2010 from the U.S. Army War College. In 2020, she retired from the U.S. Army after serving nearly three decades as an active JAG attorney. Her military career spanned tours as a prosecutor, defense counsel, administrative law attorney, operational law attorney, Congressional liaison, deputy staff judge advocate and staff judge advocate. In her last combat tour, she served as the senior legal advisor for Regional Command South, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. From 2018 to 2020, she served as the legal historian for the U.S. Army Office of the Judge Advocate General. From 2013 to 2018, she served as both an associate and senior judge for the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. From 2010 to 2012, she served as staff judge advocate for the 82nd Airborne Division, both in combat and in garrison. Judge Campanella is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Charissa S. Dvorak, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Charissa S. Dvorak as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Dvorak earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from Baylor University, a Master of Arts in 1996 from Baylor University, a Juris Doctor in 1999 from Baylor University, and a Master of Business Administration in 2010 from Houston Baptist University. From 2016 to 2020, she was an attorney with Spencer Fane LLP, in Dallas. From 2012 to 2020, she was a lead investigator for GRACE, a national non-profit, in Lynchburg, Virginia. From 2000 to 2011, she served as an assistant criminal district attorney in Texas for the District Attorney Offices of Harris County, McLennan County, and Dallas County. Judge Dvorak is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**David W. Evans, Immigration Judge, Seattle Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed David W. Evans as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Evans earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from the University of California, Davis and a Juris Doctor in 1993 from the University of Dayton School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an administrative law judge, Office of Administrative Law Judge, State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Division, in Helena. From 2015 to 2016, he served as an administrative law judge for the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, in Helena. From 1994 to 2015, he was in private practice, in Vancouver, Washington. Judge Evans is a member of the Montana State Bar and Washington State Bar.

**Ryan A. Fisher, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Ryan A. Fisher as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Fisher earned a Bachelor of Science in 2006 from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor in 2010 from the University of Georgia School of Law. From

2016 to 2020, he served as an assistant district attorney for the Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. From 2012 to 2016, he served as an assistant solicitor general for the Gwinnett County Solicitor General's Office, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. From 2010 to 2012, he was an associate attorney with Thompson, Sweeny, Kinsinger, & Pereira PC, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Judge Fisher is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**David A. Fraiden, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed David A. Fraiden as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Fraiden earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1997 from New York University and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Brooklyn Law School. From 2014 to 2020, he served as a city administrative law judge for the New York City Office of Administrative Trials & Hearings. From 2002 to 2014, he was in private practice, in New York. Judge Fraiden is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Amber D. George, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Amber D. George as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge George earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of International Management in 1992 from Thunderbird School of Global Management, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. From 2003 to 2020, she was in private practice, in San Francisco, including her own solo practice from 2011 to 2013. From 1993 to 1999, she worked in the mobile telecommunications field for AirTouch International (now Vodafone). Judge George is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Robert J. Gundlach, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Robert J. Gundlach as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Gundlach earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Wayne State University Law School. 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 New York. From 2011 to 2016, he served as an attorney advisor for the Board of Immigration Appeals, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Department of Justice (DOJ). From 2009 to 2011, he served as a judicial law clerk and attorney advisor for the New York City Immigration Court, EOIR, DOJ, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge Gundlach is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and New York State Bar.

**Lakshmi Srinivasan Herman, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Lakshmi Srinivasan Herman as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Herman earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from Pacific University and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. From 2008 to 2020, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, in Newark, New Jersey. From 2005 to 2008, she was a litigation associate with Dechert LLP, in New York. From 2000 to 2005, she was a litigation associate with Shearman & Sterling LLP, in New York. Judge Herman is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and New York State Bar.

**Denise A. Hinds Roach, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Denise A. Hinds Roach as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Hinds Roach earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from Duquesne University and a Juris Doctor in 1986 from Duquesne University School of Law. From 2012 to 2019, she served as a family court judge, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. During her term as a family court judge, she also served as a designated Supreme Court justice on the U.S. Virgin Islands Supreme Court. From 1994 to 2012, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. During that time, from 2006 to 2007, she also served as deputy criminal chief, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands. In 1994, she served as an assistant attorney general with the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Justice. From 1991 to 1994, she served as an assistant solicitor with the Fulton County Solicitor's Office, in Atlanta. Judge Hinds Roach is a member of the Georgia State Bar, Pennsylvania State Bar, and U.S. Virgin Islands Bar.

**Amanda R. Jeannopoulos, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Amanda R. Jeannopoulos as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Jeannopoulos earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from Mount Holyoke College and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from the Fordham University School of Law. From 2019 to 2020, she 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 New York. From 2008 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in New York. From 2005 to 2008, she served as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office, in New York. Judge Jeannopoulos is a member of the New York State Bar.

**Arkesia S. Jenkins, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Arkesia S. Jenkins as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2007 from Albany State University and a Juris Doctor in 2010 from the University of Georgia School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, she 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 Atlanta. From 2013 to 2016, she served as an assistant district attorney with the Flint Judicial Circuit, in McDonough, Georgia. From 2010 to 2013, she served as an assistant district attorney with the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, in Albany, Georgia. Judge Jenkins is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**Allan F. John-Baptiste, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Allan F. John-Baptiste as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge John-Baptiste earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from Florida Memorial University and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad School of Law. From 2013 to 2020, he served as an assistant general counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, in Grand Prairie, Texas. From 2007 to 2013, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. From 2004 to 2007, he served as an assistant state attorney, Office of the State Attorney, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Judge John-Baptiste is a member of the Florida State Bar and the State Bar of Texas.

**Colin P. Johnson, Immigration Judge, Kansas City Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Colin P. Johnson as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from Hamline University and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Hamline University School 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 Fort Snelling, Minnesota. From 2010 to 2012, he served as a special assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, in St. Paul. From 2001 to 2007, he served as a judge advocate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, at Fort Riley, Kansas. There he served as both a criminal prosecutor and defense counsel and completed a one-year deployment to Iraq from 2003 to 2004. Judge Johnson is a member of the Minnesota State Bar.

**Michael P. Klosowsky, Immigration Judge, Chicago Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Michael Klosowsky as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Klosowsky earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2007 from Trinity University and a Juris Doctor in 2011 from the University of St. Thomas School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, he served as 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 2011 to 2016, he was an associate attorney with Klosowsky Law Office PLLC, in Sugar Land, Texas. Judge Klosowsky is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

**Andrea Koppenhofer, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Andrea Koppenhofer as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Koppenhofer earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 from Dominican University and a Juris Doctor in 1991 from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. From 2016 to 2020, she served as a municipal relief judge, in Aurora, Boulder, Centennial, Edgewater, and Thornton, Colorado. From 2015 to 2016, she was a legal consultant and project manager with Grays Peak Strategies, in Arvada, Colorado. From 2011 to 2016, she served as a district court magistrate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Colorado. From 2010 to 2011, she was an associate attorney with Harris Family Law Firm, in Denver. From 2007 to 2010, she was an attorney with Blomfelt & Associates, in Windsor, Colorado. From 1999 to 2006, she was in private practice, in Kane County and DuPage County, Illinois. From 1991 to 1995, she served as an assistant state attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, in Chicago. Judge Koppenhofer is a member of the Colorado State Bar and Illinois State Bar.

**Carolyn L. Krasinski, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Carolyn L. Krasinski as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Krasinski earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 from University at Albany and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from University of Florida College of Law. From 1995 to 2020, she served as an attorney advisor, Department of Veterans Affairs, Board of Veterans' Appeals, in the District of Columbia. During that time, from 2001 to 2020, she also served as an acting veterans law judge, Board of Veterans' Appeals, in the District of Columbia. Judge Krasinski is a member of the Florida State Bar and New York State Bar.

**Edward F. Lee, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – Olive Street Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Edward F. Lee as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1978 from the University of California at Irvine

and a Juris Doctor in 1983 from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. From 1996 to 2020, he served as a judge for the California Superior Court, in Santa Clara County. From 1992 to 1996, he served as a municipal court judge for the Santa Clara County Judicial District, California. From 1984 to 1992, he served as senior trial attorney for the Office of the District Attorney, County of Santa Clara, California. Judge Lee is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Michael W. Lloyd, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Michael W. Lloyd as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Lloyd earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from the University of Wyoming, a Juris Doctor in 1989 from the University of South Dakota, and a Master of Laws in 1993 from the University of Denver. From 1991 to 2020, he served as an attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, primarily in Denver. From 1989 to 1991, he served as law clerk for Bankruptcy Judge Peder K. Ecker, District of South Dakota, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From 1995 to 2010, he served as a judge advocate in the Wyoming Air National Guard, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. From 1985 to 1995, he served as a judge advocate, budget officer, and aircraft maintenance officer with the South Dakota Air National Guard, in Sioux Falls. Judge Lloyd is a member of the State Bar of Colorado and Wyoming State Bar.

**Luis A. Maldonado, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Luis A. Maldonado as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Maldonado earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Stetson University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an associate counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Atlanta. From 2011 to 2016, he served as deputy chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), DHS, in Orlando. From 2009 to 2011, he served as an associate legal advisor, National Security Law Section, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in the District of Columbia, during which time, from 2010 to 2011, he also served as special counsel to the deputy principal legal advisor. From 2006 to 2009, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Orlando, during which time, in 2008, he also served as an attorney advisor, Office of the General Counsel, DHS, in the District of Columbia. In 2006, he served as a senior attorney with Child Welfare Legal Services, Department of Children and Families, in Orlando. From 2004 to 2006, he served as an immigration staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc., in Orlando. Judge Maldonado is a member of the Florida State Bar.

**Steven Marcus, Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Steven Marcus as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Marcus earned a Bachelor of Science in 1998 from University of California, Los Angeles and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from Glendale University College of Law. From 2006 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. From 2005 to 2006, he was in private practice, in Los Angeles. Judge Marcus is a member of the State Bar of California.

**John W. McPhail, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed John W. McPhail as an immigration judge in March



2020. Judge McPhail earned a Bachelor of Science in 1980 from the State University College at Buffalo, New York and a Juris Doctor in 1984 from the University of Tulsa. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an asylum officer and immigration officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Houston. From 1996 to 2016, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS, in Houston. From 1985 to 1996, he served as an assistant district attorney, in Garfield and Atoka County, Oklahoma. Judge McPhail is a member of the Oklahoma State Bar.

**Leila A. Mullican, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Leila A. Mullican as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Mullican earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2005 from John Brown University, a Master of Public Administration in 2008 from Cornell University, and a Juris Doctor in 2011 from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, she served as a staff attorney at the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, in the District of Columbia. From 2014 to 2016, she served as a law clerk to the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, assistant legal advisor at the Office of Military Commissions' Convening Authority, and appellate review action officer in the Office of the Judge Advocate General's Criminal Law Division, in the District of Columbia. From 2011 to 2014, she served as a legal assistance attorney and defense counsel at the Defense Service Office Southeast, in Norfolk, Virginia. In 2011, she became a judge advocate in the U.S. Navy. Judge Mullican is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and Missouri State Bar.

**Matthew J. O'Brien, Immigration Judge, Arlington Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Matthew J. O'Brien as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge O'Brien earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from the Johns Hopkins University, a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Maine School of Law, and a Master of Arts in 2018 from the Institute of World Politics. From 2016 to 2020, he served as the director of research at the Federation for American Immigration Reform. From 2014 to 2016, he served as a supervisory immigration officer, Headquarters Component, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in the District of Columbia. From 2011 to 2014, he served as a senior advisor to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2008 to 2011, he served as supervisory policy analyst, Headquarters, FDNS, USCIS, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2003 to 2008, he served as assistant chief counsel, Institutional Hearing Program, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS, in New York. From 1997 to 2003, he was in private practice, in Boston and New York. From 1996 to 1997, he served as a district adjudications officer with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice. Judge O'Brien is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

**Kristin Piepmeier, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – N. Los Angeles Street Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Kristin Piepmeier as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Piepmeier earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1995 from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Whittier Law School, and a Master of Laws in 2009 from

Loyola Law School. From 2002 to 2019, she served as an attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the District Counsel, former Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, in Los Angeles. From 2000 to 2002, she served as an attorney advisor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor, in San Francisco. Judge Piepmeier is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Daniel J. Redwood, Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Daniel J. Redwood as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Redwood earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 from the University of South Carolina, Aiken Campus and a Juris Doctor in 1991 from Mississippi College School of Law. From 2011 to 2020, he served as Soldiers' Medical Evaluation Board counsel, Department of Defense, at Fort Gordon, Georgia. From 2007 to 2011, he served as assistant chief counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Oakdale, Louisiana. From 2005 to 2007, he served as a legal advisor for the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From 2004 to 2005, he served as chief of foreign claims for the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army, in Baghdad, Iraq. From 1993 to 1999, he served as trial counsel for the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Fort Stewart, Georgia. Judge Redwood is a member of the South Carolina Bar.

**Dara F. Reid, Immigration Judge, New York – Varick Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Dara F. Reid as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Reid earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from Tulane University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the Hofstra University School of Law. From 2006 to 2020, she 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 New York. From 2005 to 2006, she served as a staff attorney in the immigration unit with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New York. From 2004 to 2005, she was a judicial law clerk, and later an attorney advisor for the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, in Newark, New Jersey. Judge Reid is a member of the New York State Bar.

**David V. Rhoden, Immigration Judge, Seattle Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed David V Rhoden as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Rhoden earned a Bachelor of Science in 1991 from the University of South Florida and a Juris Doctor in 1998 from Southern Illinois University School of Law. From 1992 to 1996, he served in the U.S. Army. From 1999 to 2005, he served in the legal field at the Department of Homeland Security. From 2005 to 2006, he served as a security contractor at the U.S. Department of State. From 2006 to 2020, he held attorney positions with various District Attorney's offices in Georgia as well as criminal defense work and some civil practice, both self-employed and while working for the State of Georgia. Judge Rhoden is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**Jose A. Rivera-Ortiz, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court**  
Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Jose A. Rivera-Ortiz as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Rivera-Ortiz earned a Bachelor of Science in 1995 from Purdue University

Fort Wayne and a Juris Doctor in 1999 from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, he served as an assistant 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 Miami, where he co-led the Homeland Security Investigations Embedded Attorneys Program. From 2007 to 2017, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. From 2001 to 2007 he served as an attorney advisor with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. From 2000 to 2001, he served as an assistant to the deputy secretary

of the Puerto Rico Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Judge Rivera-Ortiz is a member of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Bar.

**David A. Russo, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed David A. as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Russo earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from Tulane University and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the Louisiana State University School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, he served as a deployable field counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, at disaster locations nationwide. From 2011 to 2016, he served as a deputy state judge advocate for the Georgia National Guard, in Atlanta. From 2008 to 2011, he was a partner with Herman & Russo PC, in Woodstock, Georgia. From 2000 to 2008, he served as a judge advocate for the U.S. Army in the following locations: Ft. McPherson, Georgia; Germany; Iraq; and Kuwait. Judge Russo is a member of the Georgia State Bar.

**Michael A. Schnitzer, Immigration Judge, Atlanta, W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Michael A. Schnitzer as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Schnitzer earned a Bachelor of Science in 1994 from The Ohio State University and a Juris Doctor in 1997 from the John Marshall 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 Phoenix. From 2012 to 2016, he served in the Illinois Office of the Attorney General, as a bureau chief for the Revenue Litigation Department, assistant bureau chief for the Department of Employment Security, and assistant attorney general in the Court of Claims. From 1998 to 2012, he was in private practice, in Chicago. Judge Schnitzer is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

**Joseph C. Scott, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Joseph C. Scott as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Scott earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from Rutgers College and a Juris Doctor in 2003 from Rutgers School of Law – Newark. From 2012 to 2020, he served as an assistant 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 Philadelphia. From 2009 to 2012, he served as an associate legal advisor, National Security Law Section, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in the District of Columbia. From 2007 to 2009, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Los Angeles. From 2005 to 2006, he was an associate attorney with Farmer Case and Fedor, in San Diego. Judge Scott is a member of the State Bar of California.

**Elvin R. Talavera-Peraza, Immigration Judge, San Juan Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Elvin R. Talavera-Peraza as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Talavera-Peraza earned a Bachelor of Science in 1996 from Iowa State University and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. From 2007 to 2020, he served as a state trial court judge, in Utuado, Puerto Rico. From 2003 to 2007, he was in private practice, in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. From 2001 to 2003, he served as a law clerk for the Puerto Rico Appeals Court, in San Juan. Judge Talavera-Peraza is a member of the Puerto Rico State Bar.

**Kenley J. Thompson, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Kenley J. Thompson as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Thompson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1984 from Pittsburg State University and a Juris Doctor in 1989 from the Washburn University School of Law. From 2017 to 2020, he served as the county attorney, in Wilson County, Kansas. From 2011 to 2017, he served as the director of fraud investigations and deputy general counsel for the Kansas Department of Children and Families, in Topeka. From 2010 to 2011, he served as a regional attorney for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, in Chanute. From 2003 to 2010, he was a project manager, Southeast Kansas, Young Williams Child Support Services, in Independence. From 1989 to 2019, he also served as a judge advocate for the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in the following locations: Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Taszar, Hungary; Eagle Base, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Baumholder, Germany; and Balad, Iraq. Judge Thompson is a member of the State Bar of Kansas and the Nebraska State Bar.

**Scott E. Thomsen, Immigration Judge, New York – Federal Plaza Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Scott E. Thomsen as an immigration judge in March 2020. Judge Thomsen earned a Bachelor of Science in 1988 and a Juris Doctor in 1991 from Brigham Young University. From 1995 to 2020, he served as the associate circuit judge for Bollinger County, Missouri. From 1992 to 1994, he was an assistant public defender for the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuits of Missouri, in Jackson. Judge Thomsen is a member of the Missouri State Bar, Nevada State Bar, and Utah State Bar.

**Michael A. Tripi, Immigration Judge, Cleveland Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Michael A. Tripi as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge Tripi earned a Bachelor of Science in 2004 from Kent State University and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. From 2009 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 Cleveland. From 2007 to 2009, he served as an assistant prosecutor with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, in Akron, Ohio. Judge Tripi is a member of the Ohio State Bar.

**Curtis G. White, Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed Curtis G. White as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge White earned dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in 2001 from Idaho State University and a Master of Arts and Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of New Mexico. From 2018 to

2020, he served as an assistant 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 El Paso, Texas. From 2016 to 2018, he served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Adelanto, California. From 2012 to 2016, he was in private practice, in Houston. From 2007 to 2012, he was in private practice, in Salt Lake City, except from 2010 to 2011, when he served as a prosecutor for the city of South Salt Lake, Utah. Judge White is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the Utah State Bar.

**David White, Immigration Judge, Arlington Immigration Court**

Attorney General William P. Barr appointed David White as an immigration judge in June 2020. Judge White earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from the University of North Carolina and a Juris Doctorate in 1992 from Washington and Lee University. From 2018 to 2020, he served as an attorney, Office of Immigration Litigation, Department of Justice, in the District of Columbia. From 2014 to 2018, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands, in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. From 2008 to 2014, he served as an attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, in the District of Columbia. From 2004 to 2008, he served in the Appellate Section, Department of Justice, in the District of Columbia. Judge White is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

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