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EOIR Announces 18 New Immigration Judges and 6 New Appellate Immigration Judges

WASHINGTON – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the appointment of 24 immigration judges—18 immigration judges who joined courts in California, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Texas, and Virginia, and six appellate immigration judges who joined the Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Virginia.

Acting Director Mary Cheng delivered remarks and Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco administered the oath of office during the investiture, which was held on Nov. 1 at the Department of Justice’s Great Hall in Washington, D.C.

EOIR continues to expand its immigration judge corps and welcomes qualified candidates from all backgrounds to join the agency. In addition to making a difference through service to our Nation, immigration judges join a diverse and inclusive workforce. Individuals interested in these critical positions are invited to sign up for [job alerts](#) that are sent when new opportunities become available.

Immigration judges and appellate immigration judges are career employees, and each one is selected after a thorough and competitive application process. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland officially appointed the following individuals as immigration judges: Anthony Brown, Chase Calder Cleveland, Irma Diaz, James C. Graulich III, Huy M. Le, Kristofer R. McDonald, Yvan Eugene Murad, Michael Martin Neal, Christine L. Olson, Christopher D. Pineda, Ana Lorena Quiros, Chevone Teranza Sanon, Sergio F. Sarkany, Andrew Xavier Stawar, Courtney Chua Stevens, Stephen R. Stewart, James T. Ward, and Samuel G. Williams. Additionally, the Attorney General appointed the following individuals as appellate immigration judges: Erika L. Borkowski, Denise Greskowiak Brown, Megan E. Kludt, Gerald Anthony LeMelle, Rebekah Nahas, and Kathleen M. Reilly.

Biographical information for the newly appointed immigration judges and appellate immigration judges follows:

Anthony Brown, Immigration Judge, Dallas Immigration Court

Anthony Brown was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 from Morehouse

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College, a Master of Arts in 1974 from the University of Arkansas, and a Juris Doctor in 1979 from the University of North Carolina. From 2009 to 2024, he served as a district court judge for the Seventh District of North Carolina. From 1988 to 2009, he was a personal injury and criminal defense attorney in private practice in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. From 1982 to 1988, he was an assistant district attorney for the Seventh District of North Carolina. From 1981 to 1982, he was in private practice in Oxford, North Carolina. From 1980 to 1981, he was a project director for the North Carolina Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth. Judge Brown is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the North Carolina Bar, and the New York State Bar.

Chase Calder Cleveland, Immigration Judge, Sterling Immigration Court

Chase Calder Cleveland was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Cleveland earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2006 from the University of Tennessee and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from the Texas Tech University School of Law. From 2023 to 2024, he served as a supervisory appellate attorney for the U.S. Army Government Appellate Division. From 2011 to 2023, he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. Army in the following locations: the U.S. Military Academy, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Cavazos, Texas; and the Military District of Washington, D.C. From 2019 to 2021, he served as a judge advocate with the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York. From 2015 to 2017, he served as a trial defense counsel at Fort Bliss, Texas. From 2010 to 2011, he served as an administrative law attorney at the U.S. Military Academy. From 2012 to 2013 and 2020 to 2021, he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, as the officer in charge of the detainee review boards with Task Force 435 and as a brigade judge advocate with the 10th Mountain Division. Judge Cleveland is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Irma Diaz, Immigration Judge, Hyattsville Immigration Court

Irma Diaz was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Diaz earned a Bachelor of Science in 2004 from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, and a Juris Doctor in 2013 from Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law in White Plains, New York. From 2022 to 2024, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Los Fresnos, Texas. From 2016 to 2022, she was an immigration attorney, and in 2019 became a partner, at the Law Firm of Anayancy Housman (formerly known as Housman & Diaz). From 2014 to 2016, she was an immigration attorney at the Westchester Hispanic Coalition, a nonprofit organization (now part of Make the Road New York). Judge Diaz is a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves, having joined as a direct commission officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in June 2015. From 2015 to 2017, she provided legal assistance with the 4th Legal Operations Detachment in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and from 2017 to 2023, she served as a trial defense counsel with the 16th Legal Operations Detachment in Hamilton, New York. Judge Diaz is a member of the New Jersey State Bar, New York State Bar, and State Bar of Texas.

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James C. Graulich III, Immigration Judge, Richmond Immigration Adjudication Center

James C. Graulich III was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Graulich earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2007 from the University of North Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from the Stetson University College of Law. From 2020 to 2024, he served as a trial attorney at the Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section, Department of Justice, where he handled federal district court cases and appellate cases originating from district courts involving challenges of immigration policies and complex immigration issues. From 2016 to 2020, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Louisville, Kentucky, and at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia. From 2015 to 2016, he served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Las Vegas. From 2014 to 2015, he served as an assistant attorney general at the Florida Office of the Attorney General in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. From 2013 to 2014, he was a staff attorney for Coast-to-Coast Legal Aid of South Florida in Plantation, Florida. From 2010 to 2013, he was an associate attorney for the Kastelz Law Group in Jacksonville, Florida. Since 2012, Judge Graulich has served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Judge Graulich is a member of the Florida Bar.

Huy M. Le, Immigration Judge, Chelmsford Immigration Court

Huy M. Le was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Le earned a Bachelor of Science in 2012 from Suffolk University and a Juris Doctor in 2016 from Northeastern University School of Law. From 2018 to 2024, he served as a trial attorney with the Office of Immigration Litigation, District Court Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C., entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. From 2016 to 2018, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Kansas City Immigration Court, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Since 2017, Judge Le has also served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. Judge Le is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

Kristofer R. McDonald, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court

Kristofer R. McDonald was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge McDonald earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 from San Diego State University and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from California Western School of Law. From 2016 through 2024, he was an associate attorney with the firm of Lane & Nach PC in Phoenix, where he represented Chapter 7 trustees in corporate and consumer bankruptcies. From 2015 to 2016, he was a private immigration practitioner in Chandler, Arizona. From 2009 to 2015, he served as an appellate attorney with the Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL), Civil Division (CIV), Department of Justice (DOJ). During his tenure with OIL, from 2010 to 2011, he was detailed to Federal Programs, CIV, DOJ, where he served as lead and co-counsel in Guantanamo Bay habeas corpus litigation pending before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. From 2008 to 2009, he served as a judicial law clerk at the Miami Immigration Court, and from 2007

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to 2008, he served as a judicial law clerk at the Los Angeles Immigration Court, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Judge McDonald is a member of the State Bar of California.

Yvan Eugene Murad, Immigration Judge, Los Angeles – West Los Angeles Immigration Court

Yvan Eugene Murad was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Murad earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1997 from Radford University and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. From 2023 to 2024, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Adviser, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in New York City. From 2007 to 2023, he was a partner with the firm Murad and Murad PC in Boulder, Colorado, where he represented noncitizens before EOIR and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS. From 2006 to 2007, he practiced immigration law with the Mountain States Employers Council in Denver. From 2002 to 2005, he was an associate practicing immigration law with the Law Office of Nancy M. Lawrence in Vienna, Virginia. Judge Murad is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Michael Martin Neal, Immigration Judge, Newark Immigration Court

Michael Martin Neal was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Neal earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2011 from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2014 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. From 2021 to 2024, he was an immigration legal services advisor at the International Rescue Committee in Miami, a global nonprofit which provides humanitarian assistance to refugees and asylum seekers. From 2018 to 2021, he served as an assistant federal public defender at the Office of the Federal Public Defender in El Paso, Texas. From 2016 to 2018, he served as an associate counsel at the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, in Washington, D.C. From 2015 to 2016, he served as an assistant public defender at the Polk County Office of the Public Defender in Bartow, Florida. In addition, Judge Neal has provided pro bono immigration legal aid to Annunciation House in El Paso; veterans legal aid to the El Paso Bar Association; and medical debt legal aid for Dade Legal Aid in Miami. Judge Neal is a member of the Florida Bar and the State of Texas Bar.

Christine L. Olson, Immigration Judge, Chelmsford Immigration Court

Christine L. Olson was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Olson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the University of California, Davis School of Law. From 2021 to 2024, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii. From 2016 to 2021, she served as a trial attorney at the Office of International Affairs, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. From 2013 to 2015, she served as an assistant city attorney at the Seattle City Attorney's Office. From 2012 to 2013, she was a litigation associate at DLA Piper, in Seattle. From 2009 to 2012, she was a litigation associate at Davis, Polk, and Wardwell, in New York City. From 2008 to 2009, she served as a law clerk at the U.S. District

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Court, Central District of California, in Santa Ana, California. Judge Olson is a member of the New York State Bar.

Christopher D. Pineda, Immigration Judge, Harlingen Immigration Court

Christopher D. Pineda was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Pineda earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master in Public Policy in 2005 from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from the Boston University School of Law. From 2014 to 2024, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas. From 2009 to 2014, he was in private practice at a civil litigation law firm in Brownsville, Texas. Judge Pineda is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Ana Lorena Quiros, Immigration Judge, Hyattsville Immigration Court

Ana Lorena Quiros was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Quiros earned a Bachelor of Science in 1994 from the University of Miami and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Nova Southeastern University with a Certificate of International Concentration. From 2021 to 2024, she was in private practice as the president at the law firm Quiros Law PLLC in Florida, where she represented noncitizens before EOIR and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS). From 2019 to 2021, she served as an asylum officer, Refugee Asylum and International Operations Directorate, USCIS, DHS in Miami. From 2017 to 2019, she was a managing attorney for Catholic Charities Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Miami (CCLS) in the following roles: director for the New American Defender Program (2017-2021) and director of the Citizenship & Immigration Reform Programs (2015-2021). From 2015 to 2017, she worked as a staff attorney at CCLS. From 2003 to 2015, she was in private practice as a solo practitioner and later partner at Russell, Quiros PA. From 2001 to 2003, she worked as a staff attorney for CCLS in Miami. Judge Quiros is a member of the Florida Bar.

Chevone Teranza Sanon, Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court

Chevone Teranza Sanon was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Sanon earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from CUNY School of Law. From 2019 to 2024, she was at the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in the Traffic Violations Bureau in New York serving in the following positions: senior administrative law judge (2021-2024) and administrative law judge (2019-2021). From 2018 to 2019, she served as a senior attorney at the New York State Department of Financial Services in New York. From 2016 to 2018, she served as a senior attorney at the New York State Division of Human Rights in New York. Judge Sanon is a member of the New York State Bar.

Sergio F. Sarkany, Immigration judge, Imperial Immigration Court

Sergio F. Sarkany was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Sarkany earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from the University

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of California, Berkeley; a Master of Philosophy in Criminology in 1998 from the University of Cambridge; and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the University of San Francisco School of Law. From 2015 to 2024, he served as an appellate and trial attorney with the Office of Immigration Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice. From 2011 to 2014, he served as counsel to the Honorable Lindsey O. Graham, U.S. Senate, in Washington, D.C. From 2002 to 2011, he served as a judge advocate with the U.S. Navy at Naval Station Mayport, Mayport, Florida; Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida; and the Washington Navy Yard. Judge Sarkany is a member of the State Bar of California.

Andrew Xavier Stawar, Immigration Judge, Houston – S. Gessner Road Immigration Court

Andrew Xavier Stawar was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Stawar earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from New College of Florida and a Juris Doctor in 2005 from the Washington College of Law, American University. From 2020 to 2024, he served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Houston. From 2017 to 2020, he served as a supervisory immigration services officer at the Houston Field Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), DHS. From 2013 to 2017, he served in various roles, including asylum officer, senior asylum officer, and asylum officer (training), at the Houston Asylum Office, USCIS, DHS. From 2010 to 2013, he was the supervising immigration attorney at the nonprofit Pisgah Legal Services, headquartered in Asheville, North Carolina. From 2008 to 2010, he was an immigration attorney in private practice in Clearwater, Florida. Judge Stawar is a member of the Kentucky Bar.

Courtney Chua Stevens, Immigration Judge, Laredo Immigration Court

Courtney Chua Stevens was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Chua Stevens earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2008 from Tufts University and a Juris Doctor in 2011 from Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. From 2019 to 2024, she was with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in New York City serving in the following positions: deputy chief counsel (2023-2024) and assistant chief counsel (2019-2023). From 2012 to 2019, she was an attorney in private practice in New York City practicing matrimonial, family, and immigration law. Judge Chua Stevens is a member of the New York State Bar.

Stephen R. Stewart, Immigration Judge, Richmond Immigration Adjudication Center

Stephen R. Stewart was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Stewart earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1990 from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; a Juris Doctor in 1994 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; and a Master of Law in 2006 from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, U.S. Army, in Charlottesville, Virginia. From 1995 to 2023, he served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps as a prosecutor, operational and international law attorney, staff judge advocate (general counsel), professor of law,

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policy counsel, special counsel, civil litigation attorney, officer-in-charge, executive officer, chief of staff, and senior appellate military judge, in the following locations: Camp Pendleton, California; Okinawa, Japan; Dili, East Timor; Miami; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Charlottesville, Virginia; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Helmand Province, Afghanistan; Newport, Rhode Island; and Washington, D.C. Additionally, Judge Stewart deployed in support of the peacekeeping operation in East Timor, United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), in 1999; the peace enforcement operation in Haiti in 2004 (Operation Secure Tomorrow); and combat operations in Afghanistan in 2011 (Operation Enduring Freedom). From 2023 to 2024, he was a civilian attorney for the U.S. Coast Guard as a legislative counsel. Judge Stewart is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

James T. Ward, Immigration Judge, Stewart Immigration Court

James T. Ward was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Ward earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Missouri Southern State University and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from the University of Kansas School of Law. From 2018 to 2024, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas, Del Rio Division, serving as deputy city chief in 2019 and city chief in 2021. From 2015 to 2018, he served as a special assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Kansas. From 2009 to 2015, he was the Deputy County Attorney serving as a supervisor for the Franklin County, Kansas, Attorney's Office. From 2012 to 2015, he was also appointed by the Governor of the State of Kansas to serve as a commissioner for the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission. Judge Ward is a member of the Kansas Bar.

Samuel G. Williams, Immigration Judge, Otero Immigration Court

Samuel G. Williams was appointed as an immigration judge to begin hearing cases in November 2024. Judge Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1991 from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. From 2023 to 2024, he served as the chief of National Security Law at Camp Humphreys, South Korea while mobilized as an Army reservist. From 2002 to 2022, he served as an assistant criminal district attorney for the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Judge Williams is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Erika L. Borkowski, Appellate Immigration Judge

Erika L. Borkowski was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge Borkowski earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2002 from Cornell University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. From 2010 to 2024, she served as an attorney advisor with the Board of Immigration Appeals. During this time, from March 2023 to September 2024, she served as a temporary appellate immigration judge. From 2007 to 2010, she was an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Arlington, Virginia. During this time, from November 2009 to May 2010, she was

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detailed as an attorney advisor with the Office of the General Counsel, DHS. Judge Borkowski is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the New York State Bar.

Denise Greskowiak Brown, Appellate Immigration Judge

Denise Greskowiak Brown was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1992 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a Juris Doctor in 1995 from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. From November 2023 to 2024, she served as a supervisory attorney advisor, and from July 2007 to November 2023, she served as an attorney advisor, with the Board of Immigration Appeals. During this time, from July 2021 to July 2023, she served as a temporary appellate immigration judge; from March to September 2019, she served on detail as a special assistant U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia; and from January to July 2017, she served on detail as a temporary immigration judge at the former Headquarters Immigration Court. From December 1999 to July 2007, she served as an associate general counsel at the Office of General Counsel, Department of the Air Force. Judge Brown is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Megan E. Kludt, Appellate Immigration Judge

Megan E. Kludt was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge Kludt earned a Bachelor of Science in 2002 from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, a Master of International Relations in 2006 from Boston University College of Arts and Sciences, and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Boston University School of Law. From 2010 to 2024, she worked at Curran, Berger & Kludt in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she was a managing partner from 2020 to 2024, a partner from 2018 to 2020, and an associate from 2010 to 2018. From 2006 to 2010, she was an associate at Joyce & Associates in Boston. During her time in private practice, she mentored pro bono attorneys and law students as part of the Immigrant Protection Project of Western Massachusetts and was honored as a "pro bono champion" in 2016 by the New England Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association for her work with detained families in 2014 and 2015. Judge Kludt is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

Gerald Anthony LeMelle, Appellate Immigration Judge

Gerald Anthony LeMelle was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge LeMelle earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 from Wesleyan University and a Juris Doctor in 1987 from Georgetown University Law Center. From 2018 to 2024, he was a partner at Dunlap, Bennett & Ludwig in Vienna, Virginia, and from 2013 to 2018, he was a senior counsel at Dunlap, Bennett & Ludwig in Leesburg, Virginia. From 2010 to 2018, he was the principal attorney at LeMelle Law Group PLLC in Leesburg, Virginia. From 2016 to 2017, he was the vice president of Operations at OIC of South Florida, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. From 2007 to 2010, he was the executive director of Africa Action in Washington, D.C. From 1995 to 2007, he was the deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA in Washington, D.C. From 1987 to 1995, he was an immigration attorney/director of programs at Phelps-Stokes Fund in New York City. In 1986, he was an administrative

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law clerk for the New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, in White Plains, New York. Judge LeMelle is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Rebekah Nahas, Appellate Immigration Judge

Rebekah Nahas was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge Nahas earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2004 and a Bachelor of Science in 2004, both from the University of Florida, and a Juris Doctor in 2007 from The George Washington University Law School. From 2011 to 2024, she was at the Office of Immigration Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice, and served as a senior litigation counsel from 2021 to 2024, and a trial attorney from 2011 to 2021, including working on the criminal immigration team. During this time, from November 2015 to April 2016, she also served on a detail as a special assistant U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. From 2009 to 2011, she was a judicial law clerk and attorney advisor at the Los Angeles Immigration Court, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. From 2007 to 2009, she was an associate at Montagut & Sobral PC in Falls Church, Virginia. Judge Nahas is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Kathleen M. Reilly, Appellate Immigration Judge

Kathleen M. Reilly was appointed as an appellate immigration judge to begin adjudicating appeals in November 2024. Judge Reilly earned a Bachelor of Science in 1990 from Bucknell University and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. From December 2021 to 2024, she served as an immigration judge at the Hyattsville Immigration Court. From 2002 to 2021, she served as an attorney advisor with the Board of Immigration Appeals. From 2001 to 2002, she served as an assistant general counsel with the former Tricare Management Activity, Department of Defense, in Falls Church, Virginia. From 1998 to 2001, she was an editor-in-chief with West Group LLC in the District of Columbia. From 1994 to 1998, she was a litigation associate with Spriggs & Hollingsworth in the District of Columbia. Judge Reilly is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Pennsylvania Bar.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review is an agency within the Department of Justice. EOIR's mission is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all cases it adjudicates.