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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office In Chicago, Illinois

CHICAGO, Ill. – Jennie L. Giambastiani was sworn in today as an Immigration Judge during an investiture ceremony at 2 p.m., in the United States District Court, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Ill. Chief Immigration Judge Michael J. Creppy, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

She joins the ranks of more than 200 Immigration Judges located in 51 Immigration Courts throughout the nation. Immigration Judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration Judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, Immigration Judges completed more than 250,000 such proceedings. They are also authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

Judge Giambastiani was appointed Immigration Judge in May 2002. She received her B.A. in 1983 from Loyola University of Chicago, and her J.D. from Loyola University School of Law in 1986. Prior to becoming an Immigration Judge, from April 1987 until May 2002, Judge Giambastiani served as district counsel, deputy district counsel, assistant district counsel, and supervisory legalization officer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Chicago. Judge Giambastiani is a member of the Illinois Bar.

The Executive Office for Immigration Review, a component of the Department of Justice, is responsible for providing due process to individuals who are charged with immigration law violations. The agency also includes the Board of Immigration Appeals to hear appeals of Immigration Judge decisions and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer to handle employment-related immigration matters.

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