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Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in Three Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced the investiture of three new immigration judges. Principal Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Christopher A. Santoro presided over the investiture during a ceremony held June 8, 2018, at EOIR headquarters in Falls Church, Va.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Maria N. Bjornerud, Sean D. Clancy, and Jacqueline J. Jackson to their new positions.

Biographical information follows.

Maria N. Bjornerud, Adelanto Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Maria N. Bjornerud to begin hearing cases in June 2018. Judge Bjornerud earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1992 from Moscow Pedagogical University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University of Mississippi School of Law. From 2006 to 2018, she served as chief counsel, deputy chief counsel, and trial attorney for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security. From 2005 to 2006, she was counsel with The Flowers Law Firm in Memphis, Tenn. From 2005 to 2006, she was a law clerk and associate attorney with Cordts and Gulley PLLC, in Memphis. Judge Bjornerud is a member of the Arizona, Tennessee, and Mississippi State Bars.

Sean D. Clancy, Harlingen Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Sean D. Clancy to begin hearing cases in June 2018. Judge Clancy earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1993 from the University of Mississippi and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from Washington and Lee University. From 2017 to 2018, he worked as deputy chief for the Service Center Law Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Dallas. He served as associate counsel for USCIS, DHS, from 2013 to 2014 in Burlington, Vt., and from 2014 to 2017 in Dallas. From 2010 to 2013, he was special assistant U.S. attorney for the Department of Justice in Brownsville, Texas.

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From 2003 to 2013, he was assistant chief counsel for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor in Harlingen, Texas. From 2002 to 2003, he was assistant district counsel for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service. From 1998 to 2002, he was assistant attorney general for Tennessee in Nashville. From 1997 to 1998, was an attorney with Anderson/Clancy Law firm in Jackson, Tenn. From 1996 to 1997, he served in the Peace Corps in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Judge Clancy is a member of the Tennessee Bar.

Jacqueline J. Jackson, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Jacqueline J. Jackson to begin hearing cases in June 2018. Judge Jackson earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1986 from Stanford University, a Juris Doctor in 1989 from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, and a Master of Strategic Studies in 2013 from the U.S. Army War College. From 2006 to 2018, she was a senior attorney with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in San Francisco. From 2000 to 2006, she worked as an agency counsel for Customs and Border Protection, DHS, in San Diego and San Francisco. From 1997 to 1999, she was an assistant U.S. attorney in San Diego. Her active duty military service includes: from 1996 to 1997, trial counsel for the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) in Fort Hood, Texas; from 1994 to 1996, professional recruiter for JAGC in Fort Belvoir, Va.; from 1992 to 1994, an attorney advisor for the Defense Supply Service in Washington, D.C.; and from 1990 to 1992, a legal assistant and labor advisor for the U.S. Army in Bayonne, N.J. Judge Jackson is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar.

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