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Executive Office for Immigration Review Announces Four New Assistant Chief Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced four new assistant chief immigration judges (ACIJs). ACIJs are responsible for overseeing the operations of the immigration courts to which they are assigned. In addition to their management responsibilities, these Attorney General appointees will hear cases.

Biographical information follows:

William E. Hanrahan, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

William E. Hanrahan was appointed as an assistant chief immigration judge, based in San Francisco, in March 2020. Judge Hanrahan earned a Bachelor of Science in 1982 from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a Juris Doctor in 1988 from Hamline University School of Law. From 2018 to 2020, he served as chief judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Wisconsin. From 2016 to 2018, he served as a Wisconsin deputy chief judge, and from 2007 to 2016, he served as a circuit court judge. From 1998 to 2007, he served as an assistant attorney general for the Wisconsin Department of Justice. From 1988 to 1998, he served as an assistant district attorney, in Milwaukee County. Judge Hanrahan is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Karen E. Mayberry, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Arlington Immigration Court

Karen E. Mayberry was appointed as an assistant chief immigration judge, based in Arlington, in March 2020. Judge Mayberry earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 from Rutgers University and a Juris Doctor in 1986 from the Kansas University School of Law. From 1986 to 1987, she served as a tax attorney in Wichita, Kansas. From 1987 to 1989, she served as an assistant appellate defender in Topeka, Kansas. From 1990 to 2020, she served as judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, South Carolina; Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia (twice); The Pentagon, District of Columbia (twice); Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; HQ Stabilization Forces, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi; Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Newport News, Virginia; Office of the Chief Defense Counsel, Office of Military Commissions,

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Rosslyn, Virginia; and finally as a judge and chief judge of the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Judge Mayberry is a member of the Kansas State Bar and the State Bar of Texas.

Alfredia Owens, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Atlanta – W. Peachtree Street Immigration Court

Alfredia Owens was appointed as an assistant chief immigration judge, based in Atlanta, in March 2020. Judge Owens earned a Bachelor of Science in 1989 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law. From 2007 to 2020, she served as 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, for Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. From 2006 to 2007, she served as deputy chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS. From 2002 to 2005, she served as an assistant chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS. From 1996 to 2001, she served as an assistant district attorney for the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. Judge Owens is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Khalilah M. Taylor, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, New York – Broadway Immigration Court

Khalilah M. Taylor was appointed as an assistant chief immigration judge, based in New York, in March 2020. Judge Taylor earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from Temple University and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. From 2016 to 2020, she served as an assistant chief counsel and 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 2014 to 2016, she served as an associate counsel with the Refugee and Asylum Law Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, in Rosedale, New York. From 2002 to 2014, she served as an assistant district counsel/assistant chief counsel, senior attorney, and deputy chief counsel, OCC, OPLA, ICE, DHS, in New York. From 2001 to 2002, she served as a judicial law clerk at the Newark Immigration Court, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice. Judge Taylor is a member of the New York State Bar.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) 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.