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Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in 18 Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review today announced the investiture of 18 new immigration judges. Principal Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Christopher A. Santoro presided over the investiture during a ceremony held May 10, 2019, at the Department of Justice’s Great Hall in Washington D.C.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General William Barr appointed Michelle C. Araneta, Thomas M. Ayze, Jacob D. Bashore, Abraham L. Burgess, Holly A. D’Andrea, Nicholas R. Ford, John M. Furlong Jr., Lincoln S. Jalelian, Mary C. Lee, James F. McCarthy, Jennifer A. Mulcahy, Rifian S. Newaz, Susan Phan, Jason L. Pope, Justin M. Price, Jennifer M. Riedthaler Williams, Teresa L. Riley, and Marium S. Uddin to their new positions.

Biographical information follows:

Assistant Chief Immigration Judge

James F. McCarthy III, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Cleveland Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed James F. McCarthy III to begin supervisory immigration court duties and hearing cases in May 2019. He oversees the Cleveland Immigration Court. Judge McCarthy earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1974 from Xavier University and a Juris Doctor in 1977 from the Ohio State University College of Law. From 1995 until 2019, he was a shareholder in the law firm of Katz, Teller, Brant & Hild. From 1983 to 1995, he was an assistant city solicitor and chief trial counsel for the city of Cincinnati. During that same time, he was a judge advocate for the U. S. Navy in the following locations: Washington Navy Yard, Naval Legal Service Office; Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Legal Service Office; Newport, Rhode Island, Office of the Judge Advocate; Naval Air Station Pensacola, and Florida; Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia. From 1981 to 1983, he was with the law firm of Smith & Schnacke. From 1977 to 1981, he was an active duty judge advocate with the U.S. Navy at Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Naval Legal Service Office, Norfolk, Virginia. Judge McCarthy is a member of the Ohio Bar.

Immigration Judges

Michelle C. Araneta, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Michelle C. Araneta to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Araneta earned a Bachelor of Science in 1975 from Arizona State University, a Master of Special Education in 1984 from the University of Arizona, and a Juris Doctor in 1989 from California Western School of Law in San Diego. From 2000 to 2019, she served as a prosecutor with the Pima County Attorney's Office in Tucson, Arizona. From 1995 to 1999, she served as a prosecutor with the District Attorney's Office in Riverside, California. From 1991 to 1995, she was an associate attorney practicing tax and bankruptcy in Orange County, California. From 1989 to 1991, she worked as a law clerk for the Honorable David N. Naugle. Judge Araneta is a member of the Arizona State Bar and California Bar.

Thomas M. Ayze, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Thomas M. Ayze to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Ayze earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1984 from the University of Florida and a Juris Doctor in 1988 from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. He retired as a lieutenant colonel and judge advocate from the U.S. Air Force in 2010. From 2008 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Miami, Florida. From 2007 to 2008, he served as a fraud, detection and national security immigration officer with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), DHS, in Miami, Florida. From 2003 to 2007, he served as an asylum officer with USCIS, DHS, in Miami, Florida. From 1988 to 2010, he was judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Edwards Air Force Base (AFB), California; Clark Air Base (AB), Philippines; Tyndall AFB, Florida; H.Q. Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Yokota AB, Japan; Hurlburt Field, Florida; Air Force Claims Service Center, Ohio; and Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, on active duty till 2002, and later as reservist from 2003 to 2010. Judge Ayze is a member of the Colorado Bar and Florida Bar.

Jacob D. Bashore, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration and Adjudication Center

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jacob D. Bashore to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Bashore earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1999 from Wright State University, a Juris Doctor in 2006 from the University of Tennessee College of Law, and a Master of Laws degree in 2011 from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. From 2006 to 2019, he served as an attorney and circuit judge with the U.S. Army in the following locations: Grafenwoehr and Vilseck, Germany; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Fort Hood, Texas. Judge Bashore is a member of the Tennessee State Bar.

Abraham L. Burgess, Immigration Judge, Miami Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Abraham L. Burgess to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Burgess earned a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from Boston University School of Law. From 2012 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement,

Department of Homeland Security, in Texas and California. From 2003 to 2011, he served as judge advocate for the U.S. Army in the following locations: Dongducheon, South Korea; Giessen and Vilseck Germany; Mihail Kogălniceanu, Romania; and Alexandria, Virginia. Judge Burgess is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

Holly A. D’Andrea, Immigration Judge, Conroe Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Holly A. D’Andrea to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge D’Andrea earned a Bachelor of Science in 2003 from Oklahoma State University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Saint Louis University School of Law. From 2011 to 2019, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Texas, Department of Justice (DOJ), in Brownsville, Texas. From 2016 to 2017, she served as the national border and immigration legal issues coordinator with the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, DOJ, in Washington, D.C. From 2008 to 2010, she was an assistant prosecuting attorney, assistant county counselor, and city attorney in Washington County, Missouri. From 2007 to 2008, she was in private practice. Judge D’Andrea is a member of the Missouri Bar.

Nicholas R. Ford, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Nicholas R. Ford to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Ford earned a Bachelor of Science in 1985 from Loyola University of Chicago and a Juris Doctor in 1988 from the University of Iowa College of Law. From 2003 to 2019, he served as a state of Illinois circuit court judge assigned to the criminal division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. From 1997 to 2003, he was a judge assigned to the central bond court division of the same court. From 1991 to 1997, he was an assistant state’s attorney assigned to the felony trial division of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Chicago. From 1988 to 1991, he served as an assistant state’s attorney assigned to the major narcotics task force in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Chicago. Judge Ford is a member of the Illinois State Bar.

John M. Furlong Jr., Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed John M. Furlong Jr. to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Furlong earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 from Boston College and a Juris Doctor in 1994 from Suffolk University. From 2013 to 2019, he served as the deputy district director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Boston, Massachusetts. From 2006 to 2013, he served as a deputy chief counsel for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), DHS, in the same office. From 1996 to 2006, he served as an assistant chief counsel for ICE, DHS, in Boston, Massachusetts. Judge Furlong is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

Lincoln S. Jalelian, Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Lincoln S. Jalelian to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Jalelian earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1989 from Tufts University and a Juris Doctor in 1992 from Boston University School of Law. From 2009 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department

of Homeland Security, in Boston, Massachusetts. From 2008 to 2009, he served as an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts. From 2004 to 2008, he served as a trial attorney in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. From 2002 to 2003, he served as a U.S. resident legal advisor at the U.S. Office (later U.S. Embassy) in Pristina, Kosovo. From 1992 to 2004, he served an assistant district attorney in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 2001, he was in private practice. Judge Jalelian is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

Mary C. Lee, Immigration Judge, Philadelphia Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Mary C. Lee to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2000 and a Juris Doctor in 2009 from Rutgers University. From 2015 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel for Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From 2013 to 2015, she served as an assistant chief counsel for OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Baltimore, Maryland. From 2010 to 2013, she served as an assistant chief counsel for OPLA, ICE, DHS, in Atlanta, Georgia. From 2009 to 2010, she served as a judicial law clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey. From 2000 to 2006, she served in the U.S. Air Force in the following locations: Warner Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; Taegu, South Korea; Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; and Balad, Iraq. Judge Lee is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and New York Bar.

Jennifer A. Mulcahy, Immigration Judge, Boston Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jennifer A. Mulcahy to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Mulcahy earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from the University of Massachusetts and a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Suffolk University Law School. From 2002 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Boston, Massachusetts. Judge Mulcahy is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar.

Rifian S. Newaz, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Rifian S. Newaz to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Newaz earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 from Rice University and a Juris Doctor in 2004 from the University of Texas School of Law. From 2018 to 2019, he was of counsel for the law firm of Davis & Santos. From 2011 to 2018, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas, Department of Justice, in El Paso, Texas. From 2004 to 2010, he served as an assistant district attorney for the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston, Texas. Judge Newaz is a member of the Texas State Bar.

Susan Phan, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Susan Phan to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Phan earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2001 and a Juris Doctor in 2004, both from the University of California, Los Angeles. From 2015 to 2019, she served as an assistant chief

counsel for the Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in San Francisco, California. From 2012 to 2015, she served as an assistant general counsel for the State Bar of California, in San Francisco. From 2009 to 2014, she served as a special assistant U.S. attorney and assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, and for the Eastern District of California in Fresno. From 2005 to 2009, she served as an assistant attorney general with the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office in Washington, D.C. Judge Phan is a member of the California State Bar and District of Columbia Bar.

Jason L. Pope, Immigration Judge, Elizabeth Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jason L. Pope to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Pope earned a Bachelor of Arts in 2003 from Niagara University and a Juris Doctor in 2006 from Syracuse University College of Law. From 2014 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Baltimore, Maryland. From 2007 to 2012, he was an associate attorney specializing in immigration law at the law firm of Berlin & Associates, P.A. in Baltimore, Maryland, and later founded the Law Office of Jason Pope in Frederick, Maryland. Judge Pope is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

Justin M. Price, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Justin M. Price to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Price earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from the West Virginia University College of Law. From 2007 to 2019, he served as an assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in San Francisco, California. From 2006 to 2007, he served as an assistant public defender for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in Hagerstown, Maryland. From 2000 to 2005, he served as an active-duty judge advocate for the U.S. Air Force with the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, California, and with the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Judge Price is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

Jennifer M. Riedthaler Williams, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Jennifer Margaret Riedthaler Williams to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Riedthaler Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from Baldwin Wallace College, a Juris Doctor in 2001 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and a Master of Public Administration in 2006 from Cleveland State University. From 2017 to 2019, she served as a judicial magistrate with the Lorain County Domestic Relations Court in Elyria, Ohio. From 2005 to 2017, she served as an assistant prosecuting attorney with the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office in Elyria, Ohio, in the felony criminal division. From 2001 to 2005, she served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the same office working in the juvenile and felony non-support division. Judge Riedthaler Williams is a member of the Ohio Bar.

Teresa L. Riley, Immigration Judge, Cleveland Immigration Court

Attorney General William Barr appointed Teresa L. Riley to begin hearing cases in May 2019. Judge Riley earned a Bachelor of Science in 1997 from the University of Akron, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the University of Akron School of Law. From 2009 to 2019, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney, Northern District of Ohio, Department of Justice, in both the Cleveland and Akron offices finishing her service as the Attorney-in-Charge, Criminal Division, of the Akron Branch Office. From 2008 to 2009, she served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office in Cleveland, Ohio. From 2003 to 2008, she served as the senior law clerk in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. From 1999 to 2003, she served as a law clerk and judicial attorney for Judge John R. Adams in the Court of Common Pleas in Summit County, Ohio. Judge Riley is a member of the Ohio Bar.

Marium S. Uddin, Immigration Judge, Fort Worth Immigration Adjudication Center

Attorney General William Barr appointed Marium S. Uddin to begin hearing cases in April 2019. Judge Uddin earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1996 from Rice University and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from The University of Texas School of Law. From 2016 to 2018, she served as an assistant chief counsel with the Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Dallas, Texas. From 2015 to 2016, she served as an assistant district attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in Dallas, Texas. From 2011 to 2015, she served as an assistant public defender with the Dallas County Public Defender's Office in Dallas, Texas. From 2010 to 2011, she was a criminal defense and immigration attorney in private practice. From 2005 to 2010, and also from 2001 to 2002, she was an assistant district attorney with the El Paso County District Attorney's Office in El Paso, Texas. Judge Uddin is a member of the Texas State Bar.

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