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Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in Five Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced the investiture of five new immigration judges. Chief Immigration Judge MaryBeth Keller presided over the investiture during a ceremony held Feb. 8, 2018, at EOIR headquarters in Falls Church, Va.

After a thorough application process, Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Angelo J. DiCamillo, John M. Gillies, Mindy E. Hoepfner, Cort M. Picton, and Nathaniel B. Walker to their new positions.

Biographical information follows.

Angelo J. DiCamillo, Immigration Judge, Elizabeth Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Angelo J. DiCamillo to begin hearing cases in February 2018. Judge DiCamillo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972 and a Juris Doctor in 1975, both from Rutgers University. From 1993 to 2017, he served as a judge for the New Jersey Superior Court, in Trenton, N.J. From 1976 to 1993, he was a partner at Riley, DiCamillo, Shovlin, & Jones, in Clementon, N.J. From 1979 to 1993, he served as a municipal court judge for the State of New Jersey. From 1975 to 1976, he was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable A. Donald Bigley and the Honorable Leon Wingate, Superior Court of New Jersey. Judge DiCamillo is a member of the New Jersey and New York State Bars.

John M. Gillies, Immigration Judge, Atlanta Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed John M. Gillies to begin hearing cases in February 2018. Judge Gillies earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1984 and a Juris Doctor in 1991, both from the University of Florida. From 2009 to 2018, he worked for the Office of International Affairs (OIA), Criminal Division (CRM), Department of Justice (DOJ), serving originally as a detailee from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force as a trial attorney, 2009 to 2013, and as acting associate director, 2013 to 2014; and then as OIA associate director, 2014 to 2018, in Washington, D.C. From 2008 to 2009, he served as a trial attorney for the Narcotic and

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Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS), CRM, DOJ, in Washington, D.C. From 2006 to 2008, he worked for the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, DOJ, serving as counsel to the assistant attorney general from 2006 to 2007, and chief of staff from 2007 to 2008. From 2005 to 2006, he worked at NDDS, CRM, DOJ, serving as a trial attorney from 2005 to 2006, and assistant deputy chief for litigation in 2006, in Washington, D.C. From 2003 to 2005, he served as chief legal counsel for the Office of the Honorable Saxby Chambliss, U.S. Senate, also in Washington, D.C. From 2001 to 2003, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nevada, in Las Vegas. From 1998 to 2001, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Georgia, in Albany, Ga. From 1997 to 1998, he was an associate at Melton H. Little P.A., in Bradenton, Fla. From 1995 to 1997, he served as an assistant state attorney for the Office of the State Attorney, Florida Twelfth Judicial Circuit, in Arcadia, Sarasota, and Venice, Fla. From 1992 to 1995, he was an associate at Holland & Knight LLP, in Fort Lauderdale and Tallahassee, Fla. From 1991 to 1992, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Gerald Bard Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, in Jacksonville, Fla. Judge Gillies is a member of the Florida and Georgia State Bars.

Mindy E. Hoepfner, Immigration Judge, Portland Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Mindy E. Hoepfner to begin hearing cases in February 2018. Judge Hoepfner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1992 and a Juris Doctor in 1995, both from the University of Iowa. From 2015 to 2017, she served as assistant chief counsel for the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in Las Vegas. From 2005 to 2015, she served as assistant chief counsel for OCC, ICE, DHS, in Salt Lake City. From 2004 to 2005, she was an immigration defense attorney for the Law Firm of Mindy E. Hoepfner P.C., in Parker, Colo. From 2002 to 2004, she was an immigration defense attorney for Lichter & Associates P.C., in Denver. Judge Hoepfner is a member of the Colorado State Bar.

Cory M. Picton, Immigration Judge, San Francisco Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Cory M. Picton to begin hearing cases in February 2018. Judge Picton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 from Dominican University and a Juris Doctor in 2000 from Saint Louis University School of Law. From 2008 to 2018, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, in Tucson, Ariz. From 2001 to 2018, he worked for the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a civil law attorney, 2001 to 2003, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.; defense counsel, 2003 to 2004, also at Camp Pendleton; special assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, 2005 to 2006, in Norfolk, Va.; government prosecutor, 2004 to 2008, also in Norfolk; and as a regional judge advocate, 2008 to 2018. Judge Picton is a member of the Missouri State Bar.

Nathaniel B. Walker, Immigration Judge, Adelanto Immigration Court

Attorney General Jeff Sessions appointed Nathaniel B. Walker to begin hearing cases in February 2018. Judge Walker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1996 from Stanford

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University, a Master of Arts degree in 1998 from Boston College, and a Juris Doctor in 2002 from the Boston College Law School. From 2014 to 2018, he served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California, in Los Angeles. From 2009 to 2014, he served as an assistant chief counsel for Office of the Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, in Adelanto and Los Angeles, Calif. From 2006 to 2009, he served as an assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia, in both Pulaski and Montgomery counties, Va. From 2003 to 2006, he was an associate at Howrey LLP, in Washington, D.C. From 2002 to 2003, he served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Peter A. Nowinski, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, in Sacramento, Calif. Judge Walker is a member of the California and Virginia State Bars and the District of Columbia Bar.

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