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Atlanta Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

ATLANTA, Ga. – Immigration Judge Wayne K. Houser, Jr., from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Atlanta Immigration Court, delivered welcoming remarks and administered the oath of citizenship to more than 220 candidates during a naturalization ceremony on August 4 at the Straum Auditorium. Judge Houser's wife, Lorenza, was sworn in during the ceremony.

The ceremony was hosted by the Atlanta District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

Wayne K. Houser, Jr., was appointed as an immigration judge in April 2002. Prior to his appointment to the Atlanta Immigration Court in May 2004, he served as an immigration judge in the New Orleans Immigration Court. Judge Houser received a bachelor of arts degree in 1976 from the University of Tennessee and a juris doctorate in 1978 from Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis). He served as a referee judge for the State of Tennessee in Knoxville from September 1993 until April 2002. Judge Houser was in private practice in Knoxville from 1985 to 1993. From 1982 to 1984, he served as assistant state attorney general for Tennessee. Judge Houser worked as a judicial law clerk in the Court of Criminal Appeals for the State of Tennessee from 1981 to 1982. He is a member of the Tennessee Bar, the Knoxville Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

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EOIR is responsible for adjudicating immigration cases. Specifically, under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR interprets and administers the federal immigration laws by conducting immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR consists of three components: the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, which is responsible for managing the numerous immigration courts located throughout the

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United States where immigration judges adjudicate individual cases; the Board of Immigration Appeals, which primarily conducts appellate reviews of immigration judge decisions; and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, which adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to providing the fair, expeditious, and uniform application of the nation's immigration laws in all cases.

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