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EOIR Swears in New Immigration Judge

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Chief Immigration Judge Brian M. O’Leary swore in an immigration judge April 16, 2010, during an investiture ceremony at EOIR Headquarters in Falls Church, Va., according to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). Jesus Clemente joins the ranks of more than 230 immigration judges located in more than 50 immigration courts nationwide.

Immigration judges conduct administrative courtroom proceedings. They determine whether foreign-born individuals, who the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) charges with immigration law violations, should be ordered removed from the United States or are eligible for relief from removal and permitted to remain in this country. Immigration judges decide cases based on U.S. immigration law and on a case-by-case basis. Their decisions are final unless appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In fiscal year 2008, immigration judges completed more than 350,000 proceedings.

The new immigration judge will preside in the immigration courts in York, Pa. Biographical information for the new immigration judge follows.

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Jesus Clemente as an immigration judge in April 2010. Judge Clemente received a bachelor of arts degree in 1982 from Hunter College, City University of New York, and a juris doctorate in 1987 from Albany Law School of Union University and a bachelor of arts degree in 2006 from San Diego State University. Judge Clemente graduated in 1989 from the Army Officer Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., received a diploma in 2002 from the Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, Ala., and graduated in 2008 from the Air War College, Montgomery, Ala. From 2008 to April 2010, Judge Clemente served as an assistant chief counsel with the Department of Homeland Security in Miami, Fla.

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From 2003 to 2008, Judge Clemente served as an assistant chief counsel with the Department of Homeland Security in San Diego, Calif. From 1995 to 2003, he served as an assistant district counsel with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Diego. From 1993 to 1995, Judge Clemente worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, in Washington, D.C. From 1989 to 1993, he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. Air Force. From 1987 to 1988, Judge Clemente served as defense counsel for the Legal Aid Society of New York, Criminal Appeals Division, in New York, N.Y. Since 1993, Judge Clemente has served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and is currently a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. From 1981 to 1989, he served in the U.S. Army as a platoon leader and engineer officer. He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the New York State Bar.

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