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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in New Immigration Judge

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Chief Immigration Judge Brian M. O’Leary invested David H. Paruch during a ceremony held at the Executive Office for Immigration Review’s (EOIR) headquarters on Jan. 7, 2011.

“Judge Paruch’s arrival marks the first immigration judge to join EOIR in 2011,” said O’Leary. “Our immigration judge hiring initiative created great momentum for the agency and we look forward to continuing to build upon our strong base of immigration judges.”

The new immigration judge will preside in the immigration court in Detroit, Mich. Biographical information follows.

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Paruch in December 2010. Judge Paruch received a bachelor of arts degree in 1970 from the University of Detroit Mercy and a juris doctorate in 1975 from the University of Michigan Law School. From 1999 to November 2010, he was in private practice as the principal of the Law Offices of David H. Paruch, PLLC. From 1975 to 1999, Judge Paruch was associated with the Clark Hill PLC. From 1971 to 1972, he served in the U.S. Army. Judge Paruch is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR’s immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — whom the Department of Homeland Security charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR’s Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.

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