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### **Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office In Houston**

HOUSTON - Howard E. Rose was sworn in today as an immigration judge for the Houston Immigration Court during an investiture ceremony at 2:00 p.m. at the U.S. Federal Courthouse. Acting Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

Judge Rose joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 54 immigration courts throughout the nation. Immigration judges are responsible for conducting formal administrative proceedings to determine whether foreign-born individuals who are charged with violations of federal immigration law should be removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal. Immigration judges decide each case independently and their decisions are final unless appealed or certified to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the past year, immigration judges completed more than 300,000 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

**Howard E. Rose** was appointed as an immigration judge in September 2006. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1966 from Gannon University and a juris doctorate in 1974 from Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University. From 1982 to September 2006, Judge Rose served with the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) in several capacities: From 1987 to September 2006 as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; from 1983 to 1987 as District Counsel in Miami; and from 1982 to 1983 as a trial attorney in Miami. From 1976 to 1978, and 1980 to 1982, Judge Rose served as an assistant county prosecutor for the Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Prosecutor's Office. He served as an assistant attorney general in the Attorney General's Office, Territory of Guam, from 1978 to 1980. Judge Rose served as a law clerk and assistant director of law in the City of East Cleveland Law Director's Office from 1972 to 1976. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1971 and in the U. S. Army Reserve from 1971 to 1994. Judge Rose is a member of the Ohio Bar.

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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 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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