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The Executive Office for Immigration Review Swears in Six New Immigration Judges

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Michael C. McGoings invested Saundra H. Arrington, Rebecca L. Holt, Keith E. Hunsucker, Steven P. Logan, Anibal D. Martinez and Robert L. Powell during a ceremony held at the Executive Office for Immigration Review's (EOIR) headquarters on September 17, 2010.

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Arrington, Holt, Hunsucker, Logan, Martinez and Powell to these important public service positions this summer. They join the ranks of more than 235 immigration judges located in 59 immigration courts nationwide.

Immigration judges conduct administrative courtroom proceedings. They determine whether foreign-born individuals, whom the Department of Homeland Security 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 2009, immigration judges completed more than 350,000 proceedings.

The new immigration judges will preside in the immigration courts in Eloy, Ariz., Lumpkin, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., and Port Isabel and San Antonio, Texas. Biographical information follows.

Saundra H. Arrington, Immigration Judge, Stewart Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Arrington in August 2010. Judge Arrington received a bachelor of arts degree in 1974 from the University of California at Irvine and a juris doctorate in 1994 from Southern Methodist University School of Law. From 2008 to August 2010, she served as associate counsel for the Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. From 2007 to 2008,

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Judge Arrington worked as a senior attorney for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Dallas. From 2000 to 2007, she worked as a trial attorney for ICE in Dallas. From 1994 to 2000, Judge Arrington was an assistant district attorney and state prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. She has taught immigration law courses at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Ga. Judge Arrington is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Rebecca L. Holt, Immigration Judge, Memphis Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Holt in August 2010. Judge Holt received a bachelor or arts degree in 1976 from the University of California, San Diego, and a juris doctorate in 1979 from Loyola Law School. From 1979 to August 2010, she was in private practice. She has been a regular speaker at conferences on immigration law. Judge Holt is a member of the State Bar of California.

Keith E. Hunsucker, Immigration Judge, Port Isabel Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Hunsucker in August 2010. Judge Hunsucker received a bachelor of arts degree in 1984 from the University of Akron and a juris doctorate in 1987 from the University of Akron School of Law. From 2000 to August 2010, he worked as a senior instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Legal Division, Department of Homeland Security, in Glynco, Ga. From 1992 to 2000, Judge Hunsucker worked as an attorney for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Atlanta. From 1989 to 1992, he was an attorney for the former INS in Harlingen, Texas. From April 1989 to September 1989, Judge Hunsucker was a law clerk for the Ohio Court of Appeals, 9th Judicial District. From 1988 to 1989, he was in private practice. From 1987 to 1988, Judge Hunsucker worked as an INS attorney in the Attorney General's Honors Program in San Francisco, Calif. Judge Hunsucker is a member of the Ohio State and District of Columbia Bars.

Steven P. Logan, Immigration Judge, Eloy Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Logan in August 2010. Judge Logan received a bachelor of science degree in 1988 from the University of Louisville and a juris doctorate in 1992 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. From 2001 to August 2010, he worked for the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Unit and as chief of the white collar/public integrity unit. From 1999 to 2001, he served in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, U.S. DOJ, as an assistant U.S. attorney. From 1989 to 1999, Judge Logan served in the U.S. Marine Corps, working in various legal capacities, including chief prosecutor and chief legal counsel. In 1999, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, where he has held various legal positions, including senior defense

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counsel, and currently works as a military judge. Judge Logan is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Anibal D. Martinez, Immigration Judge, San Antonio Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Martinez in August 2010. Judge Martinez received a bachelor or arts degree in 1994 from Amherst College and a juris doctorate in 2000 from Columbia University School of Law. From 2005 to August 2010, Judge Martinez served as deputy chief counsel in the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security, San Antonio, Texas. From 2001 to 2005, he worked as assistant chief counsel for ICE in New York, N.Y., and San Antonio. From 2000 to 2001, he was assistant chief counsel for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in Newark, N.J. Judge Martinez is a member of the New York State Bar.

Robert L. Powell, Immigration Judge, Port Isabel Immigration Court

Attorney General Eric Holder appointed Judge Powell in August 2010. Judge Powell received a bachelor of arts degree in 1970 from Tulane University and a juris doctorate in 1973 from St. Mary's University School of Law. From 2001 to August 2010, he worked as an administrative judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Antonio, Texas. From 1998 to 2001, Judge Powell was an administrative law attorney for the U.S. Department of the Army. From 1996 to 1998, he was an administrative law attorney for the Panama Canal Commission, where, from 1977 to 1982, he worked in the same capacity. From 1982 to 1996, Judge Powell was in private practice. From 1973 to 1977, he served in the U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General Corps. Judge Powell is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

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