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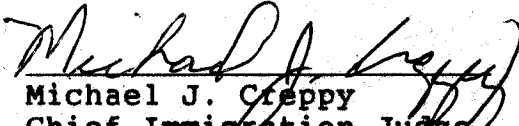
MEMORANDUM TO: All Assistant Chief Immigration Judges
All Immigration Judges

FROM: The Office of the Chief Immigration Judge

SUBJECT: Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum
Number 94-10: Wearing of the Robe During
Immigration Judge Hearings

The dignity of and the respect for the United States Immigration Court has risen considerably since the creation of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (hereinafter EOIR). A major factor in the Court's increasing credibility has been our ability to attract highly professional individuals to the position of Immigration Judge. These individuals, by their demeanor and judicial temperament, have made it evident to all parties appearing before the Court that they respect the seriousness of the proceedings and know full well the importance of their role in the dispensation of justice for those appearing before the Immigration Court.

To enhance the solemnity of the proceedings, the Judge's robe, a traditional symbol of dignity and authority, has been provided for each Immigration Judge. EOIR funds have been given to each Immigration Judge to purchase and maintain a robe. Therefore, it is the policy of the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge that each Immigration Judge shall wear a traditional black judicial robe when conducting a hearing where one or more of the parties are present, including hearings in detention centers, on details, and in prisons. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing through your Assistant Chief Immigration Judge to the Chief Immigration Judge.


Michael J. Creppy
Chief Immigration Judge