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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office
In Hartford, Connecticut

HARTFORD, Ct. – Matthew J. D'Angelo was sworn in today as an Immigration Judge during an investiture ceremony in the U.S. District Court, 450 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Chief Immigration Judge Michael J. Creppy, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, VA, administered the oath of office.

Judge D'Angelo joins the ranks of more than 200 Immigration Judges located in 52 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 250,000 such proceedings. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

Judge D'Angelo was appointed Immigration Judge in April 2003. He received his undergraduate degree in 1984 from Stonehell College, and his Juris Doctorate in 1988 from New England School of Law in Boston. From 1988 until his appointment in April 2003, Judge D'Angelo served as an assistant district counsel in charge of the detention division at the Department of Homeland Security (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) in Boston. During this time, from 2000 until April 2003, he also served as a special assistant U.S. Attorney in the criminal division in the Boston U.S. Attorney's Office. Judge D'Angelo is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.

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