



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Executive Office for Immigration Review  
*Office of the Director*  
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2600  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

---

## NEWS RELEASE

**Contact:** Office of Legislative and Public Affairs  
(703) 305-0289 Fax: (703) 605-0365  
**Internet:** [www.usdoj.gov/eoir](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir)

---

April 15, 2005

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

DETROIT, Mi. – Marsha K. Nettles was sworn in today as an immigration judge during an investiture ceremony at 3 p.m. at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit. Chief Immigration Judge Michael J. Creppy, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, Va., administered the oath of office.

She joins the ranks of more than 200 immigration judges located in 53 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 matters. They also are authorized to administer oaths of citizenship to candidates for naturalization.

**Marsha K. Nettles** was appointed as an immigration judge in February 2005. She received her bachelor of arts from Michigan State University in 1985, and her juris doctorate from the University of Detroit, Mercy School of Law, in 1988. Judge Nettles was chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Detroit, from March 2003 to February 2005. During that period, she served as acting chief of the National Security Law Division for ICE, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, in Washington, D.C. Judge Nettles served as district counsel from September 2001 to March 2003, and as assistant district counsel from April 1997 to September 2001, both for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in Detroit. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

- EOIR -