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San Francisco Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremonies

SAN FRANCISCO – Immigration Judge Bette Kane Stockton, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), San Francisco Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech during naturalization ceremonies for approximately 1,300 candidates from 95 countries on November 28, 2006.

The ceremonies were hosted by the San Francisco District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

Bette Kane Stockton was appointed as an immigration judge in June 1990. She received a bachelor of arts degree in 1966 from the University of California and a juris doctorate in 1977 from Glendale College of Law. Judge Stockton was in private practice from 1979 to 1990 as a sole practitioner and also with the law firm of Park & Litwin in San Francisco. From 1977 to 1978, she served as a deputy district attorney for the Kern County District Attorney's Office in Bakersfield, Calif. Judge Stockton is a member of the California Bar.

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