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### **Assistant Chief Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremonies**

BALTIMORE – Assistant Chief Immigration Judge (ACIJ) Phillip T. Williams from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of citizenship during two naturalization ceremonies for approximately 150 candidates today at the George H. Fallon Federal Building.

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

#### **Biographical Information**

**Phillip T. Williams** was appointed as an ACIJ in April 1997. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1978 from Temple University, a master of arts degree in 1981 from Howard University, and a juris doctorate in 1986 from Howard University School of Law. From 1995 to March 1997, ACIJ Williams served as an immigration judge in New York. From 1987 to 1995, he was an attorney for Maggio & Kattar in Washington, DC. From 1984 to 1986, ACIJ Williams worked as a DC pre-trial services officer. He is a member of the District of Columbia and Pennsylvania bars.

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