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### **Memphis Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Immigration Judge Charles E. Pazar from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Memphis Immigration Court, delivered remarks and administered the oath of citizenship during a naturalization ceremony for approximately 55 candidates at the U.S. District Court, Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building on December 15, 2008.

The ceremony was hosted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **Biographical Information**

**Charles E. Pazar** was appointed as an immigration judge in June 1998. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1974 from Boston University, and a juris doctorate in 1977 from Rutgers University School of Law. From 1990 to 1998, Judge Pazar served as a senior litigation counsel with the Office of Immigration Litigation in Washington, DC. From 1989 to 1990, he was in private practice in Fairfax, Va. From 1987 to 1989, Judge Pazar served as an associate general counsel with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, DC. From 1978 to 1987, he worked as an attorney advisor for the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, DC. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law since 2000. Judge Pazar is a member of the New Jersey, District of Columbia, and Virginia bars.

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