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Immigration Judge Takes Oath of Office in Boston, Massachusetts

BOSTON, MA – Francis L. Cramer was sworn in today as an Immigration Judge during an investiture ceremony in the U.S. District Court, 450 Main Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Assistant Chief Immigration Judge Phillip T. Williams, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in Falls Church, VA, administered the oath of office.

Judge Cramer 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 Cramer was appointed Immigration Judge in April 2004. He received his B.A. in 1967 from the University of New Hampshire, and his J.D. in 1974 from Suffolk University School of Law. From July 2002 to April 2004, Judge Cramer served at the Department of Justice as a senior advisor and chief of staff in the Tax Division, and as an appellate attorney in the Office of Immigration Litigation in the Civil Division. From 1975 to 2001, he served as a civil trial attorney in the firm of Sullivan & Gregg, P.A. Judge Cramer also served as an insurance claims examiner for Sentry Insurance Company from 1969 to 1975. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar.

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