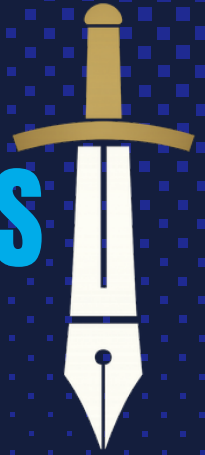


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Chuck Adkins-Blanch retired in December 2024 as Vice Chairman (or Deputy Chief Appellate Immigration Judge) of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), having been appointed to the position by Attorney General Eric H. Holder in 2013.

Prior to that, he served as a BIA board member (or Appellate Immigration Judge) from 2008 to 2013. From 2004 to 2008,

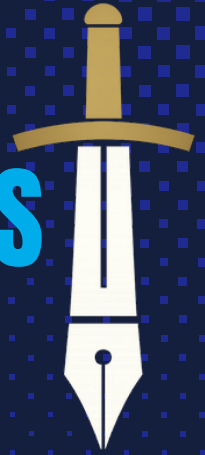
Mr. Adkins-Blanch served as an immigration judge at the Headquarters Immigration Court in Falls Church, VA, and from 1995 to 2004, Mr. Adkins-Blanch served in EOIR's Office of the General Counsel, as general counsel from 2000 to 2004, as acting general counsel from 1999 to 2000, and as an associate general counsel from 1995 to 1999. From 1990 to 1995, he worked for the BIA as an attorney advisor entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program.

Mr. Adkins-Blanch received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grinnell College and a juris doctorate from the National Law Center, George Washington University. From 1989 to 1990, he clerked in private practice with the firm of Maggio & Kattar, specializing in immigration and nationality law. Mr. Adkins-Blanch is a member of the District of Columbia and Virginia State Bars.



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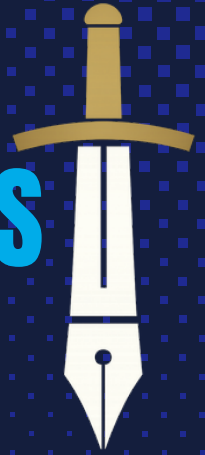
Anne J. Greer began her legal career as an attorney advisor and senior supervisory attorney at the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) in Falls Church, Virginia. She was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief Immigration Judge in 2003. In 2008, she returned to the BIA as a Board Member (Appellate Immigration Judge) where she served until 2025.

Judge Greer taught immigration law as an adjunct professor at George Mason University from 1996 to 2016. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Allegheny College and a Juris Doctorate from George Mason University School of Law. Judge Greer is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Virginia State Bar.



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Ed Kelly served as an Appellate Immigration Judge at the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) from 2017 to 2021. He held prior positions as Deputy Chief Immigration Judge from 2013 to 2017, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge from 2011 to 2013, Senior Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge (OCIJ) from 2009–2011, and Counsel for Operations from 2007–2009.

Mr. Kelly served in various roles as a staff attorney, senior legal advisor, and supervisory attorney with the BIA from 1989 to 2007. From 1987 to 1989 he served as Assistant Counsel to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law in the U.S. House of Representatives. Judge Kelly taught immigration law as an adjunct professor of law at George Mason University from 2021 to 2024, and has taught Refugee Law and Policy at Georgetown Law from 2019 to the present. Judge Kelly earned his J.D. at Notre Dame, and he is a Member of the Virginia State Bar.



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Rekha Sharma-Crawford is an expert in the field of immigration law. She has taken on many complex, high-profile cases and focuses on removal defense issues, trial advocacy and federal litigation. In 2023, Rekha was elected the first South Asian American Secretary for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); she currently serves as Treasurer for the 2024–2025 term. In 2023, Rekha was a member of the AILA Amicus Committee when the committee was awarded AILA's Jack Wasserman Memorial Award.

In 2021, Rekha was nationally recognized with AILA's Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award for excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law. In 2018, the Kansas Bar Association honored her with the Courageous Attorney Award for displaying exceptional courage in the face of adversity.

She is also the author of two children's books: *Aaliyah the Brave: Empowering Children Coping with Immigration Enforcement* (2022) and *Finding Freedom: Empowering Young Survivors of Human Trafficking* (2023).



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