

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-114

Finding of Misconduct by an Immigration Judge in the Executive Office for Immigration Review for Making Inappropriate, Sexually Oriented Comments to a Department Of Justice Employee During an After-hours Social Gathering

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), alleging that an Immigration Judge may have made inappropriate comments to a DOJ employee during an after-hours social gathering.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the Immigration Judge made inappropriate, sexually oriented comments to a DOJ employee during an after-hours social gathering. The OIG found that the Immigration Judge's conduct violated the Department's zero tolerance policy on sexual harassment and EOIR's ethical rules applicable to Immigration Judges.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to EOIR and the Department's Professional Misconduct Review Unit for appropriate action.

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Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether DOJ personnel have committed misconduct.