



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 22-059

Findings of Misconduct by an Immigration Judge in the Executive Office for Immigration Review for Making Inappropriate, Sexually Charged Comments on Two Separate Occasions

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 on two separate occasions: to a party during a court proceeding; and separately to an attorney in EOIR office space.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegations that the Immigration Judge made inappropriate, sexually charged comments to a party during a court proceeding and to a private attorney in EOIR office space. The OIG found that the Immigration Judge's conduct on these two occasions violated the Department's zero tolerance policy on sexual harassment and EOIR's ethical rules applicable to Immigration Judges because the comments were unwelcome, offensive, based on sex, undignified, uncourteous, and unprofessional.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the EOIR and the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action.



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