

IN THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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**Re: Administrative Order Permitting the U.S. Citizenship :
and Immigration Services Division of the U.S. : Administrative Order
Department of Homeland Security to Conduct : No. 2009- 11
Administrative Naturalization Proceeding for Active :
Duty U.S. Servicemen :**

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("USCIS") has requested this District Court to relinquish its authority to conduct naturalization proceedings and to administer the Oath of Allegiance for the sole purpose of having the USCIS conduct administrative proceedings, including the administration of the Oath of Allegiance, for citizen applicants who are active U.S. Servicemen.

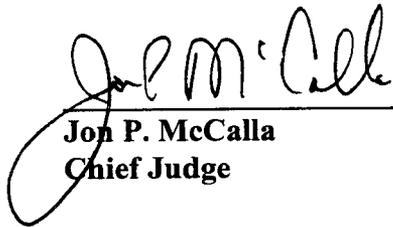
The reason for requesting that the USCIS be allowed to conduct these proceedings is to facilitate citizenship ceremonies for military men and women who are based long distances from the District Court and who are subject to immediate deployment that might preclude any travel to the Court for citizenship proceedings.

Based on the foregoing and for good cause shown, the District Court hereby relinquishes its authority to conduct naturalization proceedings for men and women in active U.S. military service who are unable to travel to the Court for those proceedings. The USCIS is hereby authorized to conduct administrative naturalization proceedings for those military personnel. Nothing herein, however, precludes military personnel from traveling to this District Court for naturalization proceedings held by this Court in lieu of attending the administrative ceremonies being held by USCIS.

This is a Standing Administrative Order and shall continue in full force and legal effect unless and until it is altered, amended or revoked in writing by the District Court.

SO ORDERED.

Effective Date: May 27, 2009


Jon P. McCalla
Chief Judge