

The Honorable Eliza C. Klein (Ret. Immigration Judge) – Chicago, IL

The Honorable Eliza C. Klein (Ret.) was appointed as an Immigration Judge in September 1994. She was assigned to Miami, Boston, Hartford and the Chicago Detained courts, and retired as a full-time judge in January 2015. She returned part-time in April 2019 and recently retired again in April 2023. From 2015 to 2018, she was in private practice in Aurora, IL and participated in many immigration law conferences, trial trainings, and mentoring projects.

Judge Klein received her Bachelor of Arts degree (Anthropology) from Kirkland College in 1976, and a Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law in 1982. From 1986 to 1994, and from 1983 to 1984, Judge Klein was in private practice in Boston and Cambridge. From 1986 to 1994, she was a part-time supervisory attorney with Cambridgeport Problem Center. From 1984 to 1986, she worked as an immigration attorney with International Institute of Boston. Prior to her legal career she worked as a photographer, office manager, judicial assistant, and ranch hand.

Judge Klein is a member of the Massachusetts Bar.