

- (6) if a motion, a proposed order for the Immigration Judge's signature
- (7) Proof of Service

See Chapters 2.1(b) (Entering an appearance), 3.2(e) (Proof of Service), 3.3(c)(vi) (Cover page and caption), 3.3(e)(ii) (Publications as evidence), 3.4 (Filing Fees).

(ii) Number of copies. — Except as provided in subsection (A) and (B), below, only the original of each application or other submission must be filed with the Immigration Court. For all filings, a copy must be served on the opposing party. See Chapter 3.2 (Service on the Opposing Party). Multiple copies of a filing (e.g., a brief, motion, proposed exhibit, or other supporting documentation) should not be filed unless otherwise instructed by the Immigration Judge.

(A) Defensive asylum applications. — For defensive asylum applications, parties must submit to the Immigration Court the original application and one copy. The copy submitted to the court is sent to the Department of State for review, in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 1208.11. See Chapter 3.1(b)(ii)(A) (Defensive applications). In addition, a copy must be served on the opposing party. See Chapter 3.2 (Service on the Opposing Party).

(B) Consolidated cases. — In consolidated cases, parties should submit a separate copy of each submission for placement in each individual Record of Proceedings. However, a “master exhibit” may be filed in the lead individual’s file for exhibits and supporting documentation applicable to more than one individual, with the approval of the Immigration Judge.

(iii) Pagination and table of contents. — All documents, including briefs, motions, and exhibits, should always be paginated by consecutive numbers placed at the bottom center or bottom right hand corner of each page.

Whenever proposed exhibits or supporting documents are submitted, the filing party should include a table of contents with page numbers identified. See Appendix P (Sample Table of Contents).

Where a party is filing more than one application, the party is encouraged to submit a separate evidence package, with a separate table of contents, for each application.

(iv) Tabs. — Parties should use alphabetic tabs, commencing with the letter “A.” The tabs should be affixed to the right side of the pages. In addition, parties should carefully follow the pagination and table of contents guidelines in subsection (iii), above.

(v) Paper size and document quality. — All documents should be submitted on standard 8½" x 11" paper, in order to fit into the Record of Proceedings. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.32(b). The use of paper of other sizes, including legal-size paper (8½" x 14"), is discouraged. If a document is smaller than 8½" x 11", the document should be affixed to an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper or enlarged to 8½" x 11". If a document is larger than 8½" x 11", the document should be reduced in size by photocopying or other appropriate means, as authorized by the Immigration Judge. This provision does not apply to documents whose size cannot be altered without altering their authenticity. All documents must be legible. Copies that are so poor in quality as to be illegible may be rejected or excluded from evidence. See Chapter 3.1(d) (Defective filings).

Paper should be of standard stock — white, opaque, and unglazed. Given its fragility and tendency to fade, photo-sensitive facsimile paper should never be used.

Ink should be dark, preferably black.

Briefs, motions, and supporting documentation should be single-sided.

(vi) Cover page and caption. — All filings should include a cover page. The cover page should include a caption and contain the following information:

- the name of the filing party
- the address of the filing party
- the title of the filing (such as “RESPONDENT’S APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL,” “DHS WITNESS LIST,” “RESPONDENT’S MOTION TO REOPEN”)
- the full name for each alien covered by the filing (as it appears on the charging document)
- the alien registration number (“A number”) for each alien covered by the filing (if an alien has more than one A number,