

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

STANDING ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION COURT


Effective immediately and for as long as the State of Maryland continues to operate under a State of Emergency, any attorney for any party may appear telephonically in any case before the Baltimore Immigration Court without prior approval and without filing a motion in advance. Section 4.15(m)(i) of the Immigration Court Practice Manual is waived for the duration of this Standing Order, including any extensions.

Attorneys who request a telephonic appearance for a particular hearing must call the court to ascertain operational status and inform the Court in advance of the hearing. Counsel shall provide the best telephone number at which counsel can be reached. Landline telephone numbers are preferred in order to minimize noise and disruption. Representatives appearing telephonically must be able to receive the Court's telephone call at the time the case is scheduled to be heard and for three hours thereafter. Respondents are required to be present in court for the hearing, unless their presence is waived.

Motions to Continue hearings due to COVID-19 concerns should be filed within 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing or as soon as possible and, to the extent practicable, be made to the Court by e-filing. The Court's mailbox is Baltimore.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov. Any emergencies related to COVID-19 arising the day of a hearing should be brought to the Court's attention immediately by calling the Court.

This order supersedes Judge Elizabeth A. Kessler's Standing Order dated March 16, 2020.

Date: April 2, 2020



David M. Jones
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge