

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY**

Standing Order (March 19, 2020): Telephonic Appearances and Requests to Continue due to COVID-19 Concerns in Cases before the Elizabeth Immigration Court

Effective immediately and for as long as the State of New Jersey continues to operate under a State of Emergency, any attorney for any party may appear telephonically in cases before the Elizabeth Immigration Court without filing a motion in advance. Attorneys who would like to appear telephonically for a particular case should contact Legal Assistant Harold Arango or Patricia Vitali, at least one business day in advance of the hearing by calling (908) 787-1355, and should provide the best phone number at which to be reached. Also, during this time period, requests to continue cases due to COVID-19 concerns should be filed with as much notice as possible, but may, on an emergency basis, be made to the Court by phone, after notifying opposing counsel.

Additionally, any party that is displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19 exposure, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must notify the Court immediately by telephone and will not be permitted to appear in Court.

Carrie C. Johnson-Papillo
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge