

Revised Standing order: Telephonic Appearances and Requests to Continue due to COVID-19 concerns in detained cases before the Cleveland Immigration Court

Effective immediately and for as long as the State of Ohio continues to operate under a state of emergency, any attorney-at-law for any party may appear telephonically in detained cases before the Cleveland Immigration Court without prior approval and without filing a motion in advance. Any attorney for the respondent must confer with the respondent in advance of the hearing and ensure that the respondent consents to the telephonic appearance. Attorneys for the parties should email Cleveland.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov 24 hours in advance of the hearing and provide the best phone number at which to be reached.

Also during this time, motions and pleadings for any detained hearing due to COVID-19 should be filed with as much notice as possible, but may be made to the Cleveland Immigration Court by submitting an email to Cleveland.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov. Instructions for filings can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/filing-email>.

Please do not file or send notices to any other email.

The parties are encouraged to confer and reach stipulations as to facts and/or legal issues (e.g. 10 years of continuous residence) to facilitate the prompt disposition of cases. The parties are also encouraged to confer and reach agreement on the eligibility for bond and the amount of the bond. The parties should also submit affidavits or written statements of witnesses in lieu of the witnesses appearing in court. The Court will make every effort to accommodate witnesses.

This standing order supersedes the standing order of March 23, 2020 and is subject to change and revocation.

James F. McCarthy, III

Assistant Chief Immigration Judge

