

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**STANDING ORDER OF THE BOSTON IMMIGRATION COURT RELATING TO
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES OF COUNSEL AND PERMITTED ATTENDEES
AT DETAINED MASTER CALENDAR AND INDIVIDUAL HEARINGS**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately and continuing until further order of the court:

- 1) Any attorney or representative for any party may appear telephonically in cases before the Boston, Massachusetts Immigration Court without prior approval and without filing a motion in advance. Attorneys who would like to appear telephonically for a particular case should inform the Boston Immigration Court, main desk, in advance of the hearing by calling 1-617-565-3080, provide the Alien number, the name of the judge and the best phone number at which the attorney will answer. 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 e-mail to Boston.Immigration.Court@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV while serving opposing counsel.
- 2) Any individual who wishes to appear telephonically does so with the understanding that any paper or electronic filings to be considered by the Court must be in the official record of proceeding in accordance with any deadlines set by the Court or, if none, in accordance with the filing deadlines set forth in the Immigration Court Practice Manual. No additional filings will be accepted at the hearing if counsel does not appear in person, and the decision of the Court will be based on the documents in the record at the close of the hearing.
- 3) Any party appearing telephonically waives the right to object to admissibility of any document offered in Court on the sole basis that they are unable to examine the document.
- 4) If the Court is unable to reach counsel by telephone for the hearing, counsel will thereafter be required to appear in-person at any rescheduled hearing.
- 5) In-court proceedings shall be limited to attorneys, parties, witnesses, security officers, and any other necessary people, which will be determined by the presiding judge.
- 6) This order supercedes all prior Standing Orders of the Boston Immigration Court.

Jose A. Sanchez
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge
Boston Immigration Court
Boston, Massachusetts