

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

**STANDING ORDER 20-01 OF THE IMMIGRATION COURT REGARDING
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES AND PAGE LIMITATIONS FOR
ELECTRONIC FILINGS**

Effective September 24, 2020, and until rescinded, any attorney for any party may appear telephonically in any master calendar case before the Krome Immigration Court, to include cases assigned to judges presiding over cases at the Broward Transitional Center, 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 requesting telephonic appearances for a scheduled Individual (Merits) Hearing must file a Motion to Appear Telephonically no later than three (3) days prior to any such scheduled hearing.

For any telephonic appearance, attorneys must call the court at least two (2) business days prior to such hearing to ascertain the operational status of the Court and inform the Court in advance of the hearing that they will be appearing telephonically. All counsel shall provide the best telephone number at which counsel can be reached. Landline telephone numbers are preferred. Speaker phone usage is prohibited. Counsel 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 or they are appearing via VTC.

An attorney appearing telephonically waives the chance to offer documents for filing at the hearing. If the other attorney is present and files documents, the attorney appearing telephonically also waives the chance to cite his or her inability to review the documents in objecting to their admission into evidence.

Motions to Continue hearings due to COVID-19 concerns should be filed at least 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. 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.

For parties using the temporary email account to electronically file pre-hearing briefs, motion briefs, responses, or replies at the Krome Immigration Court, such filings shall be limited to twenty-five (25) pages. (*see* ICPM, Ch. 4.19). This limitation applies to the contents of the brief including a statement of facts, issues, burden of proof, argument, conclusion stating the precise relief or remedy sought, and citations or authorities. Font size and spacing shall remain consistent with the ICPM (*see* Ch. 3.3).

For parties using a temporary email account to electronically file supporting documentation/evidentiary filings, such filings shall be limited to fifty (50) pages, in any particular case. If a party intends to file more than fifty (50) pages, the party must electronically file the Table of Contents and separately submit the supporting documentation/evidentiary filings with the original

Table of Contents by using the U.S. mail or an overnight delivery service no later than the date set for filing the documents with the immigration court or consistent with the ICPM (*see* Ch. 3.1(b)).

This order supersedes any general electronic filing instructions presently posted online and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Court.

Date: September 24, 2020

VANCE H. SPATH
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge