

Complaints Against Immigration Judges

Fiscal Year 2020 October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review Office of the Director

Immigration Judge Complaints Opened, Closed, and Pending FY2016 - FY2020



Number and Percentage of IJs Against Whom Complaints Were Received FY2016 - FY2020



Natures of Complaints Opened in FY2020

| In-Court Conduct | 77 (83%) | |
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| Due Process | 45 (48%) | |
| Legal | 29 (31%) | |
| Bias | 26 (28%) | |
| Out-of-Court Conduct | 17 (18%) | |
| Incapacity | 1 (1%) | |

*some complaints have more than one nature, so percentages total > 100%

Sources of Complaints Opened in FY2020

| Respondent's Attorney | 33 (35%) | |
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| DHS/EOIR/OIL | 19 (21%) | |
| Respondent | 18 (19%) | |
| Third Party | 18 (19%) | |
| Media | 3 (3%) | |
| OPR/OIG | 2 (2%) | |
| Circuit Courts | 1 (1%) | |
| BIA | 1 (1%) | |
| Other | 1 (1%) | |

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Method of Disposition for Complaints Closed in FY2020

| Dismissed | 61% |
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| not substantiated | 33% |
| failure to state a claim | 1% |
| merits-related | 16% |
| frivolous | 3% |
| disproven | 8% |
| Corrective Actions (oral counseling, written counseling, training, performance-based action) | 35% |
| Concluded (e.g., retirement, resignation, termination) | 3% |
| Discipline (reprimand, suspension) | 0% |
| Other (resolved per another complaint) | 1% |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS CLOSED | 89 |