

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

STANDING ORDER 21-01 OF THE IMMIGRATION COURT

Effective immediately and for as long as the State of Maryland continues to operate under a State of Emergency, *any attorney for any party may appear telephonically using OpenVoice or virtually using WebEx* in any case before the Baltimore Immigration Court without prior approval and without filing a motion in advance. EOIR Policy Manual, Part II, Section 4.15(m)(i) is waived for the duration of this Standing Order.

Attorneys who request a telephonic or virtual appearance for a particular hearing must call the court at least five business days in advance of the hearing. Counsel shall provide the best email address to receive OpenVoice and WebEx call-in information, and the best telephone number at which counsel may be reached.

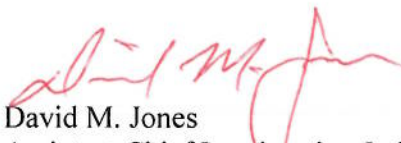
Respondents are required to be present in court for their hearing, or they may participate via WebEx. Only the immigration judge may waive their physical or video presence.

Witnesses may participate via OpenVoice or WebEx.

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

This order supersedes Assistant Chief Immigration Judge David M. Jones's Standing Order dated June 30, 2020.

Date: May 18, 2021


David M. Jones
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge