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EOIR to Host Listening Sessions Seeking Input on Enhancing Pro Bono Representation

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) will host six listening sessions to facilitate conversations with law school clinical communities nationwide about creating best practices for practical and clinical representation and empowering immigration judges and staff to leverage the pro bono resources law schools provide. EOIR's objective is to build the capacity of representation in immigration court proceedings by cultivating and maintaining interest in pro bono advocacy.

As the "[Access EOIR](#)" initiative continues, EOIR seeks to engage law school clinical communities about their needs. During the meeting, EOIR would like to hear from participants about:

- Any communities or areas of focus for law school clinics, including whether they represent noncitizens in removal proceedings, and whether they focus on specific case types or dockets.
- The average number of removal cases handled per year.
- The types of interactions with immigration courts, especially for those not providing representation in removal proceedings.
- The intake processes across law school clinics.
- Suggestions on how EOIR can better support law school clinics.

EOIR encourages professors and leaders from law schools to attend the meeting for their clinic's region but welcomes all such individuals to attend any session that works for their schedules. Professors and leaders of law school clinics who are unable to attend any of the sessions, including those who were unaware of the sessions in advance, may request a session by sending the name(s) of the attendee(s) and the law school clinic, the date and time requested, and a valid email address to: engagewithEOIR@usdoj.gov.

Please see the following schedule to determine the appropriate region for you to attend the meeting live via Webex:

- **April 14, 2023:** Noon Central Time
(AR, IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, TN, and WI)
- **April 17, 2023:** 1 p.m. Eastern Time
(DC, DE, MD, NC, NJ, PA, SC, VA, and WV)
- **April 20, 2023:** 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time
(CT, MA, ME, NY, PR, RI, and VT)
- **April 21, 2023:** Noon Pacific Time (CA)
- **April 27, 2023:** 1 p.m. Eastern Time
(FL, GA, LA, and TX)
- **April 28, 2023:** Noon – 1 p.m. Pacific Time
(AK, AZ, CO, GU, HI, ID, KS, MP, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, and WY)

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