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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Immigration Judges
All Court Administrators

FROM: Michael C. McGoings
Chief Immigration Judge (Acting)

SUBJECT: Pro Bono Liaison Judges

As provided in [Operating Policy and Procedures Memorandum \(OPPM\) 08-01](#) (Guidelines for Facilitating Pro Bono Legal Services), an Immigration Judge in each Immigration Court should be designated the "pro bono liaison judge" who represents the judges of that court in interactions with outside entities regarding matters involving pro bono legal representation.

The purpose of pro bono liaison judges is to encourage and facilitate pro bono legal services and improve the level and quality of pro bono legal representation before the Immigration Courts. This role is defined by:

- meeting, at least once a year, with local pro bono legal service providers to discuss means of improving pro bono legal representation;
- developing and refining local procedures to encourage and facilitate access to pro bono legal representation;
- facilitating discussion between government and pro bono legal service providers;
- participating in pro bono training programs; and
- serving on EOIR's Committee on Pro Bono, which meets at least once a year.

Please see [OPPM 08-01](#) for further information regarding the role of pro bono liaison judges. Keeping in mind the purpose of pro bono liaison judges, their role does not extend to addressing case-specific matters or providing case-related information.

The Office of Legal Access Programs is available to provide assistance to the pro bono liaison judges on matters relating to access to pro bono legal services, as appropriate.

The following Immigration Judges have been selected to serve as pro bono liaison judges for their respective Immigration Courts, effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

<u>City</u>	<u>Pro Bono Liaison Judge</u>
Adelanto	Judge Lee
Aurora	Judge McGrail
Arlington	Judge Bryant
Atlanta	Judge Baird
Baltimore	Judge Slavin
Batavia	Judge Connelly
Bloomington	Judge Olmanson
Boston	Judge Gagnon
Buffalo	Judge Hochul
Charlotte	Judge Couch
Chicago	Judge Giambastiani
Cleveland	Judge Evans
Dallas	Judge Kimball
Denver	Judge Corrin
Detroit	Judge Paruch
East Mesa	Judge Depaolo
El Paso	Judge Hough
El Paso SPC	Judge Ruhle
Elizabeth	Judge Tadal
Eloy	Judge Phelps
Fishkill	Judge Sagerman

Florence	Judge Taylor
Harlingen	Judge Achtsam
Hartford	Judge Verrillo
Honolulu	Judge Beamer
Houston	Judge Yates
Houston SPC	Judge Luis
Kansas City	Judge Baker
Krome	Judge A. Opaciuch
Las Vegas	Judge Sharda
Los Angeles	Judge Travieso
Lumpkin (Stewart)	Judge Trimble
Memphis	Judge Holt
Miami	Judge Horn
New Orleans	Judge La Rocca
New York	Judge Brennan
Newark	Judge Finston
Oakdale	Judge Beatmann
Omaha	Judge Anderson
Orlando	Judge Ortiz-Segura
Pearsall	Judge Tyrakoski
Philadelphia	Judge Honeyman
Phoenix	Judge Hollis
Port Isabel	Judge Onyewuchi

Portland	Judge Bennett
Saipan CNMI	Judge Beamer
Salt Lake City	Judge Anderson
San Antonio	Judge Harlow
San Diego	Judge Renner
San Francisco	Judge Ramirez
San Juan	Judge Guilloty
Seattle	Judge Defonzo
Tacoma	Judge Fitting
Tucson	Judge O’Leary
Ulster	Judge Sagerman
Varick	Judge Mulligan
York	Judge Durling

If you have any questions, please contact your Assistant Chief Immigration Judge.