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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Immigration Judges
All Court Administrators

FROM: MaryBeth Keller
Chief Immigration Judge

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, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

<u>City</u>	<u>Pro Bono Liaison Judge</u>
Adelanto	Judge Lee
Arlington	Judge Bryant
Atlanta	Judge Houser
Aurora	Judge Caley
Baltimore	Judge Slavin
Batavia	Judge Connelly
Bloomington	Judge Olmanson
Boston	Judge Gagnon
Buffalo	Judge Ruehle
Charlotte	Judge Couch
Chicago	Judge Giambastiani
Cleveland	Judge Brown
Dallas	Judge Nugent
Denver	Judge Kane
Detroit	Judge Paruch
El Paso	Judge Mahtabfar
El Paso, SPC	Judge Pleters
Elizabeth	Judge Tadal
Eloy	Judge Spencer-Walters
Fishkill	Judge Sagerman
Florence	Judge Frazer
Harlingen	Judge Ayala

City**Pro Bono Liaison Judge**

Hartford	Judge Verrillo
Honolulu	Judge Wagner
Houston	Judge Yates
Houston SPC	Judge Luis
Imperial	Judge Habich
Kansas City	Judge Baker
Krome	Judge A. Opaciuch
Las Vegas	Judge Alberdi
Los Angeles	Judge Travieso
Lumpkin (Stewart)	Judge Maldonado
Memphis	Judge Kaufman
Miami	Judge Horn
New Orleans	Judge LaRocca
New York	Judge Brennan and Judge Lurye (co-liaisons)
Newark	Judge Rubin
Oakdale	Judge Reese
Omaha	Judge Paul
Orlando	Judge Grim
Otay Mesa	Judge Partida
Pearsall	Judge Tyrakoski
Philadelphia	Judge Honeyman
Phoenix	Judge Richardson
Port Isabel	Judge Onyewuchi
Portland	Judge Lyons and Judge Zanfardino (co-liaisons)

City**Pro Bono Liaison Judge**

Saipan CNMI

Judge Wagner

Salt Lake City

Judge Anderson

San Antonio

Judge Harlow

San Diego

Judge Bither

San Francisco

Judge Ramirez

San Juan

Judge Guilloty

Seattle

Judge DeFonzo

Tacoma

Judge Fitting

Tucson

Judge Keenan

Ulster

Judge Sagerman

Varick

Judge Mulligan

York

Judge Golparvar

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