

COURTWATCH: MASTER CALENDAR HEARING

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1 Preliminary Hearing Matters

1.1 Hearing Info:

Docket ID:

Start Time:

A #:

Name:

1.2 Does the immigration judge allow you to remain in the court?

Yes  No

1.3 Is there only one respondent in this case?

Yes  No

1.4 Select one:

The respondent appears in person  The respondent appears via video conferencing

1.5 Is an interpreter used?

Yes, language:   No (Skip interpreter questions)

1.6 Is the interpreter participating via telephone?

Yes  No

1.7 Did the Immigration Judge verify that the interpreter is understood by the respondent?

Yes  No

1.8 Is the Immigration Judge using an interpreter-language that is not the respondent's primary language?

Yes  No

1.9 Is the respondent represented?

Yes  No

1.10 Select all that apply, if represented

Representative is in person  Representative is by telephone  Representative failed to appear

1.11 Is this an initial Master Calendar Hearing?

Yes  No  Unknown



**2 Hearing Matters**

2.1 An Immigration Judge must provide advisals to a respondent. For each adival, indicate whether the adival was provided by the Immigration Judge.

	Yes	No	Waived (represented)	Unknown
<b>Counsel of choice:</b> You have the right to be represented at no expense to the government by legal counsel of your choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Legal services available:</b> You may be eligible for free or low cost legal services *and* list of service providers is provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nature of proceedings:</b> Explains in non-technical language the nature and purpose of the proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Evidentiary Rights:</b> You have the right to present evidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Evidentiary Rights:</b> You have the right to speak on your own behalf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Evidentiary Rights:</b> You have the right to bring witnesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Evidentiary Rights:</b> You have the right to examine evidence against you and cross-examine witnesses presented against you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appeal Rights:</b> At the conclusion of the case, you have the right to appeal the court decision if you disagree with it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.2 **Notice to Appear:** An Immigration Judge must explain the Notice to Appear in non-technical language. Select

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, The Immigration Judge explained Notice to Appear in non-technical language | <input type="checkbox"/> No, the Immigration Judge did not explain Notice to Appear at all                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, the Immigration Judge explained Notice to Appear in technical language      | <input type="checkbox"/> Waived, the respondent is represented and legal counsel waived a reading of the Notice to Appear |

2.3 If respondent is unrepresented, did the Immigration Judge ask if he or she desires a chance to find legal counsel?

- Yes
  No
  N/A - represented; (skip continuance questions)

2.4 If respondent is unrepresented, did the Immigration Judge grant a continuance so that the respondent may find legal counsel?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Immigration Judge granted continuance to search for legal counsel | <input type="checkbox"/> No, Immigration Judge denied continuance to search for legal counsel |
|---|---|

If continuance, date of next hearing:

2.5 Did the Immigration Judge take pleadings?

- Yes
  No
  Don't know

2.6 Did the Immigration Judge find the respondent removable (aka deportable)?

- Yes
  No
  Don't know

2.7 **Country designation:** The respondent has a right to designate (or decline to designate) a country of removal if that is required. Did the IJ advise the respondent of this right?

- Yes
  No
  Don't know

2.8 **Relief from removal:** An Immigration Judge must advise a respondent about apparent forms of relief for which she or he may qualify. Select all that apply

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, The Immigration Judge inquired about eligibility for relief | <input type="checkbox"/> Waived, the respondent was represented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No, the Immigration Judge did not inquire                        |   |



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2.9 **Failure to appear:** An Immigration Judge must advise a respondent about the consequences of failing to appear at future court hearings. Did the Immigration Judge provide the advisal?

- Yes  No

2.10 **Change of address:** An Immigration Judge must advise a respondent about the obligations to notify the court of any change of address and provide the form to do so. Did the Immigration Judge provide the advisal and the form?

- Yes  No

3 IJ Conduct

An Immigration Judge must be patient, dignified, courteous, and professional; should facilitate representation by legal counsel; display impartiality; and facilitate an unrepresented respondent in presenting a claim for relief. Select the most appropriate for each:

3.1 The Immigration Judge was patient, dignified, courteous and professional.

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

3.2 The Immigration Judge facilitated representation by legal counsel. This means that the Immigration Judge worked to make the hearing process as smooth as possible for the respondent’s legal counsel.

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

3.3 The Immigration Judge displayed impartiality. This means that the Immigration Judge treated all the parties equally in light of the respondent’s represented/pro se status and did not display a bias either for or against the respondent, respondent’s legal counsel, or the government’s attorney.

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

3.4 The Immigration Judge facilitated the presentation of the claim by an unrepresented respondent. This means that the Immigration Judge worked to make it as easy as possible for respondent to present a claim.

- Strongly Agree  Agree  Disagree  Strongly Disagree

4 Hearing Outcomes

4.1 Select hearing outcome:

- The Immigration Judge granted relief  The Immigration Judge ordered removal with the respondent present
 The Immigration Judge ordered removal in absentia  The Immigration Judge continued the matter for another hearing
 The Immigration Judge took the matter under advise-ment Other: [ ]

4.2 Calendaring: An Immigration Judge must provide a reasonable opportunity to prepare for an individual (also called a “merits”) hearing. Select all that apply

- The case was continued to another Master Calendar Hearing
 An individual hearing was scheduled for at least 45 days into the future
 An individual hearing was scheduled for less than 45 days into the future



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4.3 If an individual or merits hearing was scheduled, the Immigration Judge is required to explain the type of evidence required to satisfy the legal standard to win.

Yes, the Immigration Judge explained the law, and the type of evidence needed in order to win the application for relief

Don't know

No, the Immigration Judge did not explain the law and the type of evidence needed in order to win the application for relief

Next hearing date:

4.4 Did the respondent file an application for relief at the hearing?

Yes

No

4.5 If the respondent applied for relief at the hearing, select all that apply

Asylum, withholding, or Convention Against Torture

Cancellation of removal for permanent residents

Cancellation of removal for nonpermanent residents

Adjustment of status

Another kind of relief; specify:

4.6 Hearing end time:

Notes:

