

COURTWATCH: MASTER CALENDAR HEARING

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**1 Pre-hearing Matters**

1.1 Please provide information for lead respondent

Hearing start time

A number

Name

Gender

Country of origin

Atty name (if rep'd)

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.3 Is there another respondent in this case?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.4 How does the lead respondent appear for hearing? (select one)

☐ The Lead respondent appears in person

☐ The Lead respondent appears via video conferencing

1.5 Does the IJ verify the Respondent's primary language?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.6 What is the Respondent's primary language? (If English, skip to question 1.10)

1.7 Is an interpreter provided in the respondent's primary language?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.8 Is the interpreter participating via telephone?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.9 If the court fails to obtain the services of an interpreter in the respondent's primary language, does the IJ issue a continuance? (If so, note next hearing date in question 3.5)

☐ Yes

☐ No



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1.10 Is the respondent represented?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1.11 If the respondent is represented, how does the respondent's representative appear in court? (select one)

☐ Representative appears in person

☐ Representative appears by telephone

☐ Representative failed to appear

1.12 Is this an initial Master Calendar Hearing?

☐ Yes

☐ No

## 2 Hearing Matters

An IJ must provide advisals to a respondent. Indicate whether each advisal was provided by the IJ.

2.1 If the respondent is represented, does the respondent's representative waive advisals? (if yes, skip to 2.15)

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.2 Counsel of choice: You have the right to be represented at no expense to the government by legal counsel of your choice

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.3 Nature of proceedings: Explains in non-technical language the nature and purpose of the proceedings

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.4 Evidentiary Rights: You have the right to present evidence

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.5 Evidentiary Rights: You have the right to speak on your own behalf

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.6 Evidentiary Rights: You have the right to bring witnesses

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.7 Evidentiary Rights: You have the right to examine evidence against you and cross-examine witnesses presented against you

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.8 Appeal Rights: At the conclusion of the case, you have the right to appeal the court decision if you disagree with it

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.9 Notice to Appear: An IJ must explain the Notice to Appear in non-technical language. (select one)

☐ Yes, The IJ explained Notice to Appear in non-technical language

☐ No, the IJ explained Notice to Appear in technical language

☐ No, the IJ did not explain Notice to Appear at all

2.10 Relief from removal: An IJ must advise a respondent about apparent forms of relief for which the respondent may qualify. Did the IJ inquire about eligibility for relief?

☐ Yes

☐ No



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2.11 Failure to appear: An IJ must advise a respondent about the consequences of failing to appear at future court hearings. Did the IJ provide the advisal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.12 Change of address: An IJ 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 IJ provide the advisal and the form?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.13 If respondent is unrepresented, did the IJ ask if respondent desires a chance to find legal counsel?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.14 If respondent is unrepresented, did the IJ grant a continuance so that the respondent may find legal counsel? (If so, note next hearing date in question 3.5)

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.15 Did the IJ take pleadings?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.16 If the IJ did take pleadings, did the IJ find the respondent removable (aka deportable)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2.17 Country designation: The respondent has a right to designate (or decline to designate) a country of removal if that is required. Did the IJ ask whether the respondent would like to designate a country of removal?

☐ Yes

☐ No

### 3 Hearing Outcomes

3.1 Hearing outcome (select one)

☐ The IJ granted relief

☐ The IJ ordered removal with the respondent present

☐ The IJ continued the matter for another hearing

☐ The IJ took the matter under advisement

3.2 Calendaring: An IJ must provide a reasonable opportunity to prepare for an individual (also called a 'merits') hearing. (select one)

☐ The case was continued to another Master Calendar Hearing

☐ An individual hearing was scheduled

3.3 If an individual or merits hearing was scheduled and the respondent is not represented, the IJ is required to explain the type of evidence required to satisfy the legal standard to win. Did the IJ explain the law and the type of evidence needed in order to win the application for relief?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3.4 Hearing end time



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3.5 Next hearing date

3.6 If the respondent applied for relief at or before the hearing, select all forms of relief the respondent applied for. (select all that apply)

- ☐ Form I-589, Asylum, withholding, or Convention Against Torture  
☐ Form 42-A, Cancellation of removal for nonpermanent residents  
☐ Form 42-B, Cancellation of removal for permanent residents  
☐ Form I-485, Adjustment of status  
☐ Voluntary Departure  
☐ Another kind of relief; specify in notes

#### 4 IJ Conduct

An IJ 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

Strongly Agree   Agree   Disagree   Strongly Disagree

The IJ was patient, dignified, courteous and professional.  
(select one)

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The IJ displayed impartiality. This means that the IJ 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. (select one)

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The IJ facilitated the presentation of the claim by an unrepresented respondent. This means that the IJ worked to make it as easy as possible for respondent to present a claim. (select one)

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#### 5 Other Notes

5.1 At any point during the hearing, did it become apparent to you that the respondent did not understand the interpreter?

- ☐ Yes                      ☐ No

5.2 Notes

