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Cleveland Immigration Court Has Administrative Control of All Ohio Cases Beginning April 6

*Cincinnati Hearing Location To Close -- Transfers Cases to Cleveland Court;
Arlington Court Transfers Cleveland Cases to Cleveland Court*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced today that beginning on April 6, 2009, the Cleveland Immigration Court will have administrative control of all cases within Ohio. This means that the Cleveland Immigration Court will have jurisdiction over charging documents filed by the Department of Homeland Security for Ohio cases, and also create and maintain court records for Ohio cases.

This change will impact pending cases at the Cincinnati hearing location and pending Cleveland cases scheduled to be heard at the Arlington Immigration Court, as follows:

- Beginning on April 6, 2009, the Cleveland Immigration Court will have administrative control of all pending cases scheduled to be heard at the Cincinnati hearing location, as the Cincinnati site is closing. All respondents, counsel, and witnesses scheduled to appear at the Cincinnati hearing location will report to and appear at the Cleveland Immigration Court.
- Also, beginning on April 6, 2009, the Cleveland Immigration Court will have administrative control of all pending cases scheduled to be heard by the Arlington Immigration Court. (The Arlington Immigration Court will no longer have administrative control for hearings in the state of Ohio.) All respondents, counsel, and witnesses scheduled to appear at the Arlington Immigration Court will report to and appear at the Cleveland Immigration Court.

EOIR will notify those respondents who are affected by these changes of their scheduled hearings before the Cleveland Immigration Court, which is located at:

801 W. Superior Avenue
Suite 13-100
Cleveland, OH 44113
Telephone: (216) 802-1100

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Additional information about the [Cleveland Immigration Court](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/sibpages/cle/clemain.htm) is available on EOIR's website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/sibpages/cle/clemain.htm>.

EOIR's "[Administrative Control List](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/courts3.htm)" for immigration courts nationwide is also available on the website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/courts3.htm>.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — who are charged by the Department of Homeland Security with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.