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EOIR to Continue In-Person Hearings at the Reno Hearing Location *Immigration Judges Will Continue to Be Detailed to Reno Until Further Notice*

As one of many actions taken in light of ongoing budgetary limitations, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has reduced immigration judge travel to hearing locations nationwide. To continue servicing those areas, EOIR has expanded the use of video teleconferencing (VTC), a cost-effective and efficient alternative to conducting hearings in person.

EOIR is working with the Department of Homeland Security to implement VTC for cases located in Reno, Nev. In the interim, EOIR will continue the current practice of detailing immigration judges and staff to Reno to hear cases in person.

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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.

