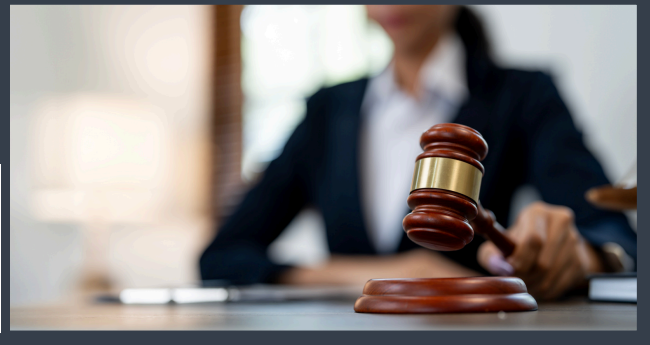




Immigration Court Etiquette



A guide with tips to help you prepare
for your court hearing

How should I prepare for my court hearing?

Confirm the date, time, and location of your hearing



To obtain information on your case, call the EOIR hotline (1-800-898-7180) or check the EOIR website weekly by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code on the left.



Click on the following links for more information on how to use the EOIR (Executive Office for Immigration Review) automated system: [handout](#) and [video](#). [English Coming Soon!]

Attend all your court hearings



If you miss a hearing, it is very likely the judge will issue a deportation order.



If you don't have an attorney for your hearing, you can explain to the judge that you are still looking for an attorney and ask for more time.

Arrive at court early



If you arrive late, you may leave a bad impression on the judge.



Give yourself enough time to find parking.



Ask the court clerk for help finding the courtroom for your hearing.



Remember that most courthouses conduct security checks. Bags will be inspected, and weapons or sharp objects are not allowed.

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Turn off your phone



Stand up when the judge enters the courtroom



Sit quietly until it is your turn



Respond to the judge respectfully



Food and drinks are not allowed in the courtroom

How should I dress for my court hearing?

Dress semi-formally (as if for a job interview, graduation, or religious service)



! Do not wear shorts or beachwear

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