



Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) Indexes and Terms

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Terms

advisals	an act or instance of giving advice
affidavit	document in which a person states facts, swearing that the facts are true and accurate
alien	an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national
A-number	alien registration number which the Department of Homeland Security assigns to each alien
asylum	protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee
biometrics	refers to metrics related to human characteristics and traits
Board of Immigration Appeals	also referred to as the Board, BIA
Cal DOJ	usually in reference to forms to be filled out in the California hearings
cancellation of removal	form of immigration relief available to individuals who have been placed in removal proceedings before the EOIR
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
C.F.R.	abbreviation for the Code of Federal Regulations
CIMT	crime involving moral turpitude
consulate	An office of the U.S. Department of State located overseas and affiliated with a U.S. embassy in that country's capital city.
Convention Against Torture (CAT)	internal human rights treaty, under the review of the United Nations, that aims to prevent torture and cruel treatment around the world
counsel	refers to attorneys
country conditions	extensive collection of information about the conditions in countries around the world
DACA	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (often pronounced "dock-ah")

DAPA	Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents
DHS	Department of Homeland Security; the Department
EOIR-28 (or E-28)	Notice of Entry of Appearance by attorney or representative
estoppel	Set of doctrines in which a court prevents a litigant from taking an action he/she normally would have the right to take, in order to prevent an inequitable result
EWI	Entry Without Inspection (often pronounced "eee-wee")
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act (often pronounced "foy-ah")
Holder	Eric Holder; former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case cites
HRIFA	Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (often pronounced "Ha-riffa")
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status
I-589	Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal
IBIS	Interagency Border Inspection System
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
id.	is the term used to provide an endnote or footnote citation or reference for a source that was cited in the preceding endnote or footnote
IHP	Institutional Hearing Program
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act
info pass	free service that lets you schedule an appointment with a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Immigration Officer by using the Internet at any time of day or night.
in absentia	conducted without the alien's presence after the alien failed to appear as required

in re	in the legal case of; in regard to
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
instant case	the case currently before the court
ipso facto	by that very fact or act
Istanbul protocol	A way to support your claim that you were tortured and how to go about supporting it
IIRIRA	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (sounds like "Ira-Ira")
Lionbridge	name of an interpretation/translation service that commonly appears in EOIR hearings
LPR	lawful permanent resident
Lynch	Loretta Lynch, former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
mandamus	a judicial writ issued as a command to an inferior court or ordering a person to perform a public or statutory duty
maras	Latin American gangs
Mara Salvatrucha	MS-13; specific Central American/U.S. gang
master calendar	short, preliminary hearing on immigration matters
mens rea	in criminal law, is viewed as one of the necessary elements of some crimes
merits hearing	also known as "individual hearing"; respondent will be able to present documentary evidence for the court's consideration
Mukasey	Michael Mukasey, former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
NACARA	Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act
nolo contendere	legal term that comes from the Latin for "I do not wish to

	contend.”
nolle prosequi	meaning “will not prosecute;” pronounced as “no-lay-pro-say-kwee”; sometimes said as “nolle prossed” in past tense
notario	trained legal professionals who provide legal advice and draft legal documents (they are not generally permitted to represent aliens in removal proceedings)
Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID)	a formal statement from USCIS that it has determined that the applicant is ineligible for the immigrant benefit requested
Notice to Appear (NTA)	charging document that signals the initiation of removal proceedings against an alien (please capitalize)
nunc pro tunc	refers to changing back to an earlier date of an order, judgment or filing of a document
pretermit	to ignore or disregard purposely
prima facie	based on the first impression; accepted as correct until proved otherwise
prosecutorial discretion (PD)	refers to the power that ICE has on to influence a deportation case
REAL ID Act	enacted in 2005, aims to create national standards for state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards
Sessions	Jeff Sessions; current U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
Shepardizing	refers to the process of consulting Shepard’s Citations to see if a case has been overturned, reaffirmed, questioned, or cited by later cases
SIJ	Special Immigration Juveniles (sometimes pronounced as “sidge”)
sua sponte	Latin: "of his, her, its or their own accord"
supra	academic or legal term meaning "mentioned above or earlier"
televideo	one word, lower case; hearings held where the respondent is seen through video typically from a detention center

TPS	Temporary Protected Status
USC	United States Citizen (i.e. USC spouse, USC child, USC parents)
U.S.C.	The Code of Law of the United States of America (United States Code, U.S. Code); often cited in Oral Decisions
USCIS	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
U visa	gives victims of certain crimes temporary legal status and work eligibility in the U.S. for up to four years
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act (sounds like “vah-wah”)
voluntary departure	the departure of an alien from the U.S. without an order of removal
withholding of removal	relief that prevents removal to a country where the alien has a clear probability of suffering persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group
your honor	always lower case

Hearing Locations

- EOIR Headquarters -- Located in Falls Church, Virginia
- <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing>

A

Adelanto, California
Arlington, Virginia
Atlanta, Georgia
Aurora, Colorado

B

Baltimore, Maryland
Batavia, New York
Boston, Massachusetts
Buffalo, New York

C

Charlotte, North Carolina
Chaparral, New Mexico
Otero, New Mexico
Chicago, Illinois
Cleveland, Ohio
Conroe, Texas

D

Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colorado
Detroit, Michigan

E

Elizabeth, New Jersey
Eloy, Arizona
El Paso, Texas
El Paso SPC

F

Fishkill, New York
Florence, Arizona
Fort Snelling, Minnesota
Bloomington, Minnesota
Fort Worth, Texas

G

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

H

Harlingen, Texas
Hartford, Connecticut
Honolulu, Hawaii
Houston, Texas
Houston SPC

I

Imperial, California

J

Jena, Louisiana
LaSalle, Louisiana

K

Kansas City, Missouri

L

LaSalle, Louisiana
Jena, Louisiana
Las Vegas, Nevada
Louisville, Kentucky
Los Angeles, California
Lumpkin, Georgia
Stewart Processing
Center/Stewart, Georgia

M

Memphis, Tennessee
Miami, Florida
Krome Processing Center
(pronounced like "Chrome")

N

Napanoch, New York
Ulster Correctional Facility
New Orleans, Louisiana
New York, New York
Varick Street
Newark, New Jersey

O

Oakdale, Louisiana
Omaha, Nebraska
Orlando, Florida
Otay Mesa, California

P

Pearsall, Texas
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Phoenix, Arizona
Portland, Oregon
Port Isabel, Texas

S

San Antonio, Texas
San Diego, California
San Francisco, California
Stewart, Georgia
 Lumpkin, Georgia

T

Tucson, Arizona

Y

York, Pennsylvania

Judges

Judges' names can also be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing>

Arizona

Arellano, Silvia R.
Casteneda, Julian
Cottor, Elizabeth A.
Coughlon, Robert
Davis, John W.
Frazer, Molly S.
Freerks, LaMonte S.
Gaz, Jennifer I.
Habich, Paul
Keenan, Sean H.
Morwood, Dion A.
O'Leary, Thomas M.
Phelps, Richard
Spencer-Walters, Linda
Taylor, Bruce A.

California

A

Aina, Nathan R.
Allen, Janette L.
Attia, Olga

B

Bakke Varzandeh, Joyce
Bank, Ira
Barcus, E. Mark
Bass, Lori
Bither, Christine A.
Bjornerud, Maria N.
Burch, Valerie A.
Burke, David

C

Calcador, Kerri
Chon, Hye Y.
Clemente, Jesus
Costa, Philip

D

De Paolo, Zsa Zsa
Deiss, Ila C.
Desai, Jankhana
DeVitto, James
Dorfman, Arlene

E

Everett, Timothy

F

Fellrath, Robert A.
Figueroa, Laura C.
Francis, Leon J.

G

Gambill, Loreto
Greene, Charles S., III
Guerrero, Marni

H

Halliday-Roberts, Catherine E.
Huddleston, Natalie B.

J

Jackson, Jacqueline J.
Jasso, Jaime
Johnson, Jeremiah
Juelle, Carlos R.

L

Lake, Kelly B.
Latimore, Jan D.
Law, Philip S.
Lee, Amy
Left, James M.
Little, Anna C.

M

Malvin, Daniel H.
Marks, Dana Leigh

Martz, Nicholas A.
 Maury, Carlos E.
 Miller, Jeffrey S.
 Miller, Nancy E.

M

Naselow-Nahas, Tara
 Nelson, Jule L.
 Neumeister, William

O

O'Brien, Patrick S.
 O'Connor, Lee

P

Park, Jeannette Lim
 Park, Joseph Y.
 Partida, Ana L.
 Patti, Sebastian T.
 Paulino, Robin K.
 Penalosa, Jr., Jose L.
 Perry, Anne Kristina
 Picton, Cory M.
 Pressman, Christian M.

R

Riley, Kevin W.
 Romig, Jeffrey L.
 Ruane, Rachel

S

Santos-Garcia, Sandra J.
 Savage, Patrick S.
 Simons, Anita L.
 Simpson, Scott
 Stancill, Christine E.
 Star, Shadee M.
 Swink, Arwen A.

T

Tabaddor, A. Ashley
 Travieso, Frank

V

Vahid-Tehrani, Gita
 Villegas, Veronica S.

Virchis, Bridget

W

Walker, Nathaniel B.
 Waterloo, Jason R.

Y

Young, Elizabeth L.

Colorado

Caley, Steven
 Carbone, Nina M.
 Corrin, Melanie K.
 Gardzelewski, Ivan E.
 Kane, Alison R.
 Kaufman, Matthew W.
 McGrail, Elizabeth
 O'Hare, Donald C.
 Trujillo, Eileen R.

Connecticut

Morris, Daniel A.
 Straus, Michael W.
 Verrillo, Philip

Florida

Alexander, Scott G.
 Alberdi, Yon K.
 Balasquide, Javier
 Brown, Charlotte D.
 Chait, Barry S.
 Chapman, Kevin
 Cole, Timothy M.
 Dowell, J. Daniel
 Garcia, Madeline
 Ghartey, Victoria L.
 Goodwin, Deborah K.
 Harris, Monique
 Holyoak, Dalin R.
 Horn, Michael C.
 Karden, Stuart F.
 Lane, Denise A. Marks
 Lippman, Daniel
 Lopez-Enriquez, Maria
 Maingot, Anthony
 Mander, Stephen E.

Martinez-Esquivel, Lourdes
 Mateo, Rene
 Nettles, Marsh K.
 Opaciuch, Adam
 Opaciuch, John
 Page-Lozano, Jennifer L.
 Rodriguez de Jongh, Lourdes
 Siegel, Stuart
 Sogocio, Rico M.
 Torreh-Bayouth, Lilliana
 Videla, Gabriel C.
 Walleisa, Michael G.

Georgia

Baird, Michael
 Cassidy, William A.
 Criss, Scott D.
 Duncan, Randall W.
 Gillies, John M.
 Houser Jr., Wayne K.
 Maldonado, Njeri B.
 Nance, Jeffrey R.
 Pelletier, J. Dan
 Rothschild Jr., Jerome M.
 Trimble, Dan
 Wilson, Earle

Hawaii

Beamer, Dayna
 Wagner Jr., Clarence M.

Illinois

Cole, Samuel B.
 De Angelis, Kathryn
 Defoe, Craig A.
 Lang, Elizabeth G.
 McKenna, Patrick M.
 Peyton, Jennifer I.
 Rosche, Robin
 Salovaara, Kaarina
 Saltzman, Eva S.

Kentucky

Johnson, Kelly S.
 Kinnicutt, Daniel P.
 Mart, H. Kevin

Ward, Robert Q.

Louisiana

Crooks, Grady A.
 Duck, Jr., John A.
 Fuller, Steven B.
 La Rocca, Joseph B.
 Landis, Brent H.
 Laragy, W. Scott
 Marquez, Charlotte S.
 Marsteller, Eric W.
 Munson, Angela
 Reese, Agnelis L.
 Thorgersen, Cassie A.

Maryland

Crosland, David W.
 Kessler, Elizabeth A.
 Koelsch, David C. Mahasa, Zakia
 Vargas-Padilla, Nelson A.
 Williams, Phillip T.

Massachusetts

Feder, Robin
 Gagnon, Paul M.
 Masters, Todd A.
 O'Malley, Brenda
 O'Sullivan, Maureen
 Sturla, Mario J.
 Tregerman, Gwendylan

Michigan

Gorland, Jennifer M.
 Jebson, Mark J.
 Paruch, David H.
 Simons, Ian R.

Minnesota

Carr, M. Audrey
 Hansen, Katherine L.
 Mazzie, Sarah
 Olmanson, Kristin W.

Missouri

Baker, Glen R.
 Howard, Justin W.

Salinardi, Jayme

Nebraska

Meyer, Abby L.

Morrissey, Matthew E.

Nevada

McDermott, Ann M.

Nguyen, An

Roberts, Lindsay M.

Sharda, Munish

New Jersey

Chen, Shana W.

Cheng, David

Finston, Leo A.

Harbeck, Dorothy

Ranasinghe, Arya S.

Rastegar, Ramin

Riefkohl, Alberto J.

Rubin, Shifra

Tadal, Mirlande

Wilson, Tamar H.

New Mexico

Fernandez, Lorely Ramirez

French, Kathy

Palomino, Jacinto

Taylor, Brock E.

New York

A

Auh, Kyung S.

B

Bain, Terry A.

Baumgarten, Mary C.

Brennan, Noel A.

Burnham, Shayne R.

C

Cassin, Olivia L.

Christensen, Jesse

Chugh, Amit

Cohen, Raisa

Connelly, Steven

Conroy, Charles R.

Cortes, John W.

D

Douchy, Evalyn P.

F

Factor, Samuel M.

Farber, Lauren F.

G

Golovnin, Lena

Gordon, Cynthia

Gordon-Uruakpa, Vivienne E.

H

Hochul, Denise

Hom, Howard C.

Horton, Monte J.

K

Khan, Amiena A.

Kolbe, Margaret

L

Laforest, Brigitte

Leeds, Frederic G.

Ling, Lisa W.

Loprest, Jr., F. James

Lurye, Maria

M

McCarthy, James M.

McFarland, Michael G.

Merriman, Joy A.

Mulligan, Thomas

N

Navarro, Maria E.

Nelson, Barbara A.

P

Palmer, Brian T.

Poczter, Aviva

Prieto, Francisco R.

R

Ruehle, Walter H.

S

Sagerman, Roger
Schoppert, Douglas B.
Segal, Alice
Sichel, Helen
Spencer, Oshea Denise
Sponzo, Jem C.

T

Thompson, Donald
Tsankov, Mimi

W

Wright, Virna

Z

Zagzoug, Randa

North Carolina

Couch, V. Stuart
Harris, Rodger C.
Holmes-Simmons, Theresa
Riggs, George W. (William)

Ohio

Brown, Alison
Hunsucker, Keith
Owens, Jonathan W.
Seppanen, Christopher R.
Whipple, David C.

Oregon

Hoepfner, Mindy E.
Lyons, Joren
Zanfardino, Richard M.

Pennsylvania

Carle, John B.
Ellington, John
Garcy, Annie S.
Golparvar, Kuyomars
Hartye, Alice Song
Honeyman, Charles M.

Malloy, Rosalind K.
Morley, Steven
Verma, Dinesh C.

Puerto Rico

Diaz-Rex, Julia

Tennessee

Averwater, Richard J.
Hansell, Renae M.
Holt, Rebecca L.
Miles, Vernon Benet

Texas**A**

Abbott, William L.
Achtsam, Howard
Adams, Justin
Alcorn, Stuart D.

B

Bales, Eric C.
Bhagat, Nimmo
Brisack, Chris A.
Brown IV, Sam
Burkhart, Margaret D.

C

Cigarroa, Barbara Gonzalez
Clancy, Sean D.
Crews II, John G.
Crossan, Jr., Thomas G.

D

Davis-Gumbs, Xiomara D.

E

Eller Jr., Donald R.
Ellison, Sarah M.
Endelman, Gary E.
Evans, Mark S.

F

Fowler, Kelley N.
Freeman, D'Anna H.

G

Garcia, Melissa Joy
 Gemoets, Marcos
 Gilbert, Daniel B.
 González, Delia I.
 Gonzalez, Guadalupe R.
 Gonzalez, Yvonne S.
 Gorman, Stephanie E.
 Greenstein, Saul
 Guidry, Monica Thompson

H

Hable, Paul A.
 Harlow, Craig A.
 Hart, Brandon L.
 Herbert, Nathan L.
 Hough, Robert

J

Jacobs, Richard C.
 Jamadar, Richard A.

K

Khan, Anwer A.
 Kimball, R. Wayne

L

Lafuente-Gaona, Cynthia
 Leonard, Joseph T.

M

Mahtabfar, Sunita
 Martin, Clay N.
 Martinez, Anibal D.
 Martinez, Elizabeth
 Martinez, Hugo R.
 May, Jennifer A.
 McCullough, Charles M.
 McKee, Robert Reid

N

Nugent, James A.

O

Onyewuchi, Morris I.
 Ozmun, Richard R.

P

Perez-Guzman, Virginia
 Picos, Georgina M.
 Pimentel, Frank T.
 PleTERS, Michael S.
 Powell, Robert L.

R

Ruhle, Stephen

S

Santander, Daniel J.
 Sapp, Billy J.
 Sims, Deitrich H.

T

Thielemann, Christopher J.
 Tijerina, Eric J.
 Tuckman, Dean S.
 Tyrakoski, Meredith

W

Walton, Richard D.

Y

Yates, Clarease Rankin

Utah

Anderson, David C.
 Greer, Christopher M.
 Truman, Phillip M.

Virginia

Bain, Quynh Vu
 Behné, Audra R.
 Bryant, John M.
 Burman, Lawrence O.
 Choi, Raphael
 De Cardona, Lisa
 Farrar-Crockett, Emily N.
 Hladyłowycz, Roxanne C.
 Hong, J. Traci
 Kelly, Wynne P.
 Lukose, Lolita M.
 Manuel, Elise

McCloskey, Paul A.
Mendez, Francisco
Menkin, Jeffrey L.
Perlman, Helaine R.
Snow, Thomas G.
Soper, Emmett D.
Spath, Vance H.
Stevens, Karen D.
Torg, Cynthia Shepherd
Ward Jr., George J.

Washington

Fitting, Tammy
Floyd, Charles Neil
Johnson, Shane E.
McSeveney, Robert B.C.
Odell, John C.
Parchert, Brett M.

Languages

There are several languages/dialects that have multiple spellings. The following is a list of spellings used by DOJ. If you encounter a language that has multiple spellings but is not included on this list, just make sure that it is spelled consistently throughout all of your files.

- **Akateko** (alternatively spelled Akatek)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Foo Chow** (alternatively spelled Fuzhou, Foochow, Hok-chiu)
 - Chinese dialect
- **Jacalteco Popti** (alternatively spelled Jakaltek, Jakalteco, or Popti)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Konjobal** (alternatively spelled Q'anjob'al or Kanjobal)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala/Mexico
- **Pidgin English** (Pidgin is pronounced the same way as "pigeon")
- **Quiche** (alternatively spelled Ki'che')
 - Mayan language primarily spoken in Guatemala
- **Romanian-Moldovan**
- **S'gaw Karen** (alternatively spelled Sgaw Karen, Sgaw Kayin or Karen)
 - Language spoken primarily by ethnic groups in Myanmar and Thailand
- **Tigrigna** (alternatively spelled Tigrinya)
 - Language spoken primarily in southern Eritrea and northern Ethiopia