

Call for an Independent Immigration Court System

Social Media Toolkit

Introduction:

Immigration courts are housed under the Department of Justice (DOJ), the same executive branch agency responsible for prosecuting immigrants in federal court. As a result, the Attorney General is charged with being both lead prosecutor and lead judge in immigration cases. This inherent conflict of interest leaves the courts vulnerable to political manipulation. The immigration court system also suffers from crisis-level backlogs nearing almost 900,000 cases and chronic underfunding.

It's time for reform. The immigration court system requires a structural overhaul to solve its foundational problems. The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ), the American Bar Association (ABA), and the Federal Bar Association (FBA) are calling for the creation of an independent immigration court system outside the control of the DOJ to ensure independence and impartiality and the timely adjudication of cases. Please join us in the call for an Article I independent immigration court!

Suggested Hashtags:

#JudicialIndependence #ProtectDueProcess

Resources:

- [Sign on Letter from AILA, FBA, ABA, and NAIJ to Congress calling for an Article I independent immigration court](#)
- [AILA Featured Issue page: Immigration Courts](#)
- [AILA Policy Brief: Restoring Integrity and Independence to America's Immigration Courts](#)
- [AILA Policy Brief: Facts About the State of Our Nation's Immigration Courts](#)
- [Hill op-ed by Benjamin Johnson: "We need an independent immigration court system"](#)
- [CNN article on ABA report, "Reforming the Immigration System"](#)
- [American Bar Association 2019 Report: "Reforming the Immigration System"](#)
- [National Association of Immigration Judges written testimony of Judge A. Ashley Tabaddor before the Senate Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration](#)
- [Federal Bar Association Immigration Court Reform Proposal](#)

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- Housing the #immigration courts under the DOJ leaves judges vulnerable to political pressure and interference in case management. @AILANational, @ABAesq, @federalbar, and the NAIJ are calling for an independent judiciary to restore #JudicialIndependence. <http://ow.ly/dlIY30p5ChC>

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- .@AILANational, @ABAesq, @federalbar, and the NAIJ are asking Congress to establish an independent immigration court system that will guarantee immigrants a #FairDayInCourt. Read their letter. #JudicialIndependence #ProtectDueProcess <http://ow.ly/dIIY30p5ChC>

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- Our #immigration court system is in desperate need of a structural overhaul. An Article I independent #immigration court would #ProtectDueProcess and guarantee #JudicialIndependence. Visit @AILANational's website for vital resources on this topic: <https://www.aila.org/immigrationcourts>

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- An Article I #immigration court would guarantee immigrants the right to a full and fair hearing by an impartial judge. Read @AILANational's policy brief on the need for a structural overhaul of the current court system. #JudicialIndependence <http://ow.ly/d8Ha30p54fN>

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- In March, @ABAesq said the immigration courts were “on the brink of collapse” citing the backlog of cases, increased wait times, over-reliance on video conferencing and possible bias in the hiring of judges. #JudicialIndependence #ProtectDueProcess <http://ow.ly/8Gyq30p5wcn>

- As head of the NAIJ Judge A. Ashley Tabaddor put it, under the AG's leadership our immigration judges are transforming into “prosecutors in ... judge's robe[s].” Read @AILANational's policy brief on the need to restore #JudicialIndependence to our courts. <http://ow.ly/x6o830p5xfJ>

- .@ABAesq's “Reforming the Immigration System” report offers recommendations to reform the #immigration court system that will ensure efficiency, fairness, due process, and #JudicialIndependence. Read the report here: <http://ow.ly/feT830p5XM6>

- Judge Tabaddor, President of NAIJ speaks out on how the #immigration court system needs reform: “Of paramount concern is the [DOJ’s] continued mischaracterization of its unprecedented decision to impose quotas and deadlines on Immigration Judges...”
<http://ow.ly/SgbE30p5XSw>
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