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EOIR's eRegistry Program

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has established a mandatory electronic registry, known as eRegistry, for attorneys and fully accredited representatives. EOIR will use this online process to collect information to maintain a centralized information repository of registrants. eRegistry is part of a long-term agency initiative to create a system for electronic case access and filing for both the immigration court and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

The registration will be available to attorneys and fully accredited representatives on June 10, 2013, and will become a condition of practice before the immigration court and the BIA on December 10, 2013. When registering, the system will ask each attorney to create an online profile and enter their name, date of birth, business address(es), business telephone number(s), email address, and bar admission information for all jurisdictions in which they are licensed to practice. Fully-accredited representatives will be required to enter their name, date of birth, business address, and the name(s) of all the recognized organization(s) with which the representative is fully accredited. Each registered person will receive a unique EOIR ID number, which will individually identify each registrant and automatically associate them with the information provided during registration.

After completing the online portion of the registration, applicants will need to appear in person to complete the identification verification process. Each immigration court location and the Board of Immigration Appeals will identify a process for the identity verification portion of registration. Information specific to each location will be found at http://www.justice.gov/eoir/engage/eRegistration.htm. This step is necessary to allow EOIR to provide each applicant with access to a database that contains personally identifiable information. After verifying their identity with the immigration court or the Board, EOIR will notify the registry applicant that their account has been activated. Registrants will then have access to only their own information by entering their user ID and password. EOIR will not have an online directory of registrants available to the public.

Attorneys and fully accredited representatives who complete the registration process will have the option, with some exceptions, to electronically file a notice of entry of appearance using either the Form $\underline{\text{EOIR-27}}$ or the Form $\underline{\text{EOIR-28}}$. If registrants file electronically, they will not

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need to file paper versions of these forms with the immigration court or the Board, though they will still be required to serve DHS with a printed copy of the completed form.

For technical assistance regarding eRegistry, please contact EOIR at <u>eRegistration.support@usdoj.gov</u>. For substantive information, please visit EOIR's eRegistry Web page at <u>http://www.justice.gov/eoir/engage/eRegistration.htm</u>.

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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 — whom the Department of Homeland Security charges 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.