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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Immigration Judges  
All Court Administrators  
All Court Staff

**FROM:** Brian M. O'Leary  
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**SUBJECT:** New Case Completion Goals FY 2010

In coordination with the Office of Planning, Analysis and Technology, the FY 2010 Case Completion Goals have been condensed from eleven goals to five. The new goals and completion time frames are:

Institutional Hearing Program	85% Completed Prior to Release
Detained Cases	85% Completed within 60 Days
Expedited Asylum Cases	90% Completed within 180 Days
Credible Fear Review	100% Completed within 7 Days
Bond Redetermination Hearings	85% Completed within 21 Days

The new goals reflect two major changes in relation to the former goals. The goal for bond hearings is now completion within 21 days instead of scheduling within three days. The goal for detained cases does not distinguish between cases with and without relief applications. Also note that our goals reflect agency goals as well. The Institutional Hearing Program (IHP) and Detained Cases goals are reported as part of EOIR's Strategic Plan under the Government Performance Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), and the detained case goal is one of the Attorney General's High Priority Performance Goals (HPPGs).

The new Case Completion goals continue the policy of recognizing exceptions. Cases with Case Identifiers Juvenile (J), Unaccompanied Juvenile (UJ), Unaccompanied Juvenile-Asylum (J2), IHP cases with NTA filed less than 120 days from the Earliest Possible Release Date (4M), or a BIA IHP Remand (RI) and the Adjournment Codes: 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 24, 36, 37, 43, 44, 47, 50, 53 or 54 are excluded from Case Completion Goal reporting. These exceptions represent cases whose time frames are outside the control of the immigration courts.

If you have any question regarding the new goals, please contact Ed Kelly, Chief of Staff, or Mark Pasierb, Chief Clerk of the Immigration Court.