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EOIR Announces 2024 Model Hearing Program

SUMMARY: The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) will continue its successful Model Hearing Program (MHP), hosting a series of MHP events nationwide. This MHP provides government attorneys, private practitioners, and potential or newly accredited representatives with substantive law training pertaining to human trafficking, juveniles, Adjustment of Status, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. The MHP also provides practical training for individuals interested in practicing before the immigration courts.

January 2024 is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and this year's fact pattern will provide important information about human trafficking and what to do upon becoming aware of a trafficker or victim of human trafficking.

This month, EOIR will host in-person and hybrid (in-person and internet-based) MHP events. Details and instructions on how to register follow:

- Jan. 17: 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. PT
 - Hybrid event, San Francisco Immigration Court. Internet-based attendees can register through the <u>Meeting Registration link</u>. In-person attendees can register by emailing <u>EngagewithEOIR@usdoj.gov</u>.
- Jan. 24: 1 p.m. 5 p.m. ET
 - In-person event, Miami Immigration Court. Please register by emailing EngagewithEOIR@usdoj.gov by Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Jan. 31: Noon 4 p.m. CT
 - In-person event, Houston Greenspoint Park Immigration Court. Please register by emailing <u>EngagewithEOIR@usdoj.gov</u> by Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

When registering for an in-person event, please include the name(s) of the attendee(s), your organization, and an email address. EOIR will send attendance information to the email addresses provided.

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All media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Communications at pao.eoir@usdoj.gov. Participants are not permitted to record any portion of the program, but MHP recordings can be found through the lmmigration Court Online Resource.

The MHP initiative is part of EOIR's commitment to improving representation before the immigration courts and promoting the effective and efficient administration of justice. The MHP consists of three elements: (1) live MHP events; (2) recorded model hearings and substantive law seminars available <u>on-demand</u>; and (3) pro bono resources available through the <u>Immigration Court Online Resource</u>.

In addition to local invitations, future in-person MHP events will be announced on EOIR's website.

