Aurora Immigration Court

Address: 3130 North Oakland Street

Aurora, CO 80010 **Phone:** 303-361-0488 **Hours:** 8:00am – 4:00pm

Location: This immigration court is located in a Department of Homeland Security controlled detention facility: GEO Aurora Detention Center.



How do I learn about upcoming legal proceedings for immigrants in detention?

Call 800-898-7180, press 1 for English, then press 1 to enter the A#. Then enter the A#, and it will confirm his or her name. Then it will allow you to get the following information:

Dial 1: Next hearing date

Dian 2: Clock – this means how many days have elapsed since the person filed an asylum application, if any

Dial 3: Decision information – this will normally say if the judge granted relief, denied relief, if a case is pending, etc.

Dial 4: Appeal information – will normally give information regarding an appeal deadline

Dial 5: The court which has jurisdiction over the case

You can also refer to the <u>Automated Case Information Online System</u> of The Office for Immigration Review. On that webpage, you will enter the A#. If you have an eight-digit A# make sure you enter a 0 in front of the A#. Then click "Submit". You will find information about the next hearing, decision and motion information, case appeal information, and the court contact information.

The value of attending immigration hearings

Being present in the courtroom for our friends and/or family during their hearings, especially the final hearing is extremely helpful. RMIAN attorneys have told us that they have noticed a remarkable difference in the way judges treat immigrants when they have supporters in the courtroom (they are so much nicer). In some instances, they strongly believe that the presence of supporters even impacts the outcome of the hearing (including bond hearings).

How do I attend upcoming legal proceedings for immigrants in detention?

- 1. The hearings are held in the GEO detention center, in the same building where we visit immigrants in detention.
- 2. Plan to arrive in the lobby 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the hearing.
- 3. You must dress conservatively. No shorts. Women: no sleeveless blouses.
- 4. Check in with the guard and let them know the name of the immigrant whose hearing you are there to visit. Just to be safe, you should bring the A# as well.
- 5. When it's time for the court visit to start, you'll be taken back to the same area as where we do visitations, but in a different hallway.

- 6. If the judge asks who you are, explain that you are a family member or personal friend of the immigrant in the hearing.
- 7. We have had cases where our volunteers have been asked to leave the court hearing, which in most cases is illegal because most immigration hearings are public hearings. If this happens and if you are comfortable doing so ask the judge for his or her name and the specific legal reasons for being asked to leave.
- 8. The hearings can last from 1 4 hours, so if you are planning to attend, you should set aside the entire morning or afternoon. However, if you need to leave early, this is an option. It is important to note that the length of each hearing depends on the type of hearing. Bond or Master Court Hearings are typically shorter in duration. During these hearings, other immigrants and their family members may also be in the court room. Individual Court Hearings are longer in duration and focus on the case of one individual.
- 9. For a bond hearing, you must be there before the start of the whole group, not the particular time for the specific detained individual.
- 10. Your presence serves as an emotional support to our immigrant friends. We have also heard from multiple sources that having an English-speaking advocate in the hearing increases the odds that the judge will be fair.