

# Hot Topics

**Immigration Court – WTF is Happening?**

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# Immigration Courts by the Numbers

## HOW MANY IMMIGRATION JUDGES

- 414 total IJ's as of 12/31/18- Plans to expand the IJ Corps to 750

## HOW MANY PENDING CASES

- 821,726 active cases - not counting cases that were administratively closed or the 60,000 cases that were delayed due to the 35 day government shutdown



Should we make Immigration  
Courts Article 1 Courts ?

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Do the Courts have  
Judicial  
Independence?

**BRO! BRO..**



**NO. JUST NO.**

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## Examples of Political Influence on the Courts

### **MATTER OF CASTRO-TUM**

- **Restricts Administrative Closure**

### **MATTER OF L-A-B-R**

- **Limiting the IJ's ability to grant a continuance**

## MATTER OF S-O-G & F-B-D

- Preventing the termination of cases and limiting discretion of the IJ to run their court efficiently



## MATTER OF AB

- Basically wiped out the long held legal standard that survivors of domestic abuse and gang persecution could be protected under the asylum rules





## **MATTER OF E-F-H-L**

- Giving the IJ the ability to deny asylum without a full evidentiary hearing

## **MATTER OF M-S-**

- Mandatory Detention of asylum seekers even after meeting the credible fear standard

Last but not least:



- *Matter of Mendoza-Hernandez* and *Matter of Capula-Cortes*, 27 I&N Dec. 520 (BIA 2019)



# Completion Goals for Immigration Judges

Daily Dashboard



# Video Teleconferencing

Can you say “No due process?”



Questions?