

From: [Scala, Theresa M. \(EOIR\)](#)
To: [Zanfardino, Richard \(EOIR\)](#)
Cc: [Hoepfner, Mindy E. \(EOIR\)](#); [Lyons, Joren \(EOIR\)](#)
Subject: Re: Efficiency and oral decisions
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 12:23:23 PM

Let me know if this happens and I will send it up the chain again and get further clarification.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2019, at 9:14 AM, Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR)
<Richard.Zanfardino@eoir.usdoj.gov> wrote:

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From: Scala, Theresa M. (EOIR) <Theresa.Scala@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Hoepfner, Mindy E. (EOIR) <Mindy.Hoepfner@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Lyons, Joren (EOIR) <Joren.Lyons@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR) <Richard.Zanfardino@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: FW: Efficiency and oral decisions

Good morning everyone,

I received a response from DCIJ Santoro. We cannot release the parties for oral decisions... unless they are disruptive. In my reply, I informed him of your (b) (5)

Thank you so much for bringing your concerns to my attention.

At your earliest convenience please let me know when you have a chance to speak individually. Have a great rest of your week.

Theresa

From: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 4:50 AM
To: Scala, Theresa M. (EOIR) <Theresa.Scala@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Cheng, Mary (EOIR) <Mary.Cheng@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>; Maggard, Print (EOIR) <Print.Maggard@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Efficiency and oral decisions

Judge Scala,

What my e-mail was referring to was the "Tony Talk" or the "Richard Recital," which was the same question Joy asked yesterday – i.e., providing a short summary to

determine whether the full-blown oral decision would be necessary. I also don't have an issue with excusing a disruptive respondent, but those should be few and far between and isn't related to the oral decision, but rather to the disruptiveness. However we should not be excusing the parties simply because they don't want to listen to the decision.. which should now be significantly shorter than it was in 2017 and before.

Christopher A. Santoro

Deputy Chief Immigration Judge

From: Scala, Theresa M. (EOIR) <Theresa.Scala@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 8:23 PM

To: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

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Subject: FW: Efficiency and oral decisions

Good evening Judge Santoro,

Based on the e-mail exchange below you had with IJ Zanfardino (Portland) in 2017 it appears that IJs were allowed to release the parties if the parties did not want to stay for the oral decision as long as the IJ gave a summary of findings. It is my understanding from the meeting today that IJs can no longer release the parties for the oral decision regardless of whether the parties do not wish to listen to the oral decision. Is my understanding correct?

Thank you.

Theresa

From: Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR) <Richard.Zanfardino@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:56 PM

To: Scala, Theresa M. (EOIR) <Theresa.Scala@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>

Subject: FW: Efficiency and oral decisions

From: Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR)

Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:03 AM

To: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Efficiency and oral decisions

Hi Chris! (and congratulations!)

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Best, and congrats again on the new gig,

RZ

From: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR)
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR) <Richard.Zanfardino@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Efficiency and oral decisions

Richard,

Thanks for the suggestions (and please feel free to send any others you have, no matter how "out of bounds" you think they might be). I actually have done what you suggest as well.... (b) (5)

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[Redacted] Hope your leave

was good and (b) (6) !

Chris

Christopher A. Santoro
Chief of Staff & Assistant Chief Immigration Judge

From: Zanfardino, Richard (EOIR)
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Santoro, Christopher A (EOIR) <Christopher.Santoro@EOIR.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Efficiency and oral decisions

Hi Chris –

We met back when you came to Portland, and you'd mentioned contacting you if ideas or things came up to add to the mix. (b) (5)

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While my other lofty plan for easing the backlog might well have a snowball's chance of being considered, (b) (5)

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Thanks much,

RZ

P.S. I see you're on leave, and I'm on leave much of next week for (b) (6). Just thought I'd click send anyway, sorry to add to your inbox stack upon your return!