

Standing Order (March 16, 2020): Telephonic Appearances and Requests to Continue due to COVID-19 Concerns in Cases before Immigration Judge Elizabeth A. Kessler, Baltimore Immigration Court

Effective immediately and for as long as the State of Maryland continues to operate under a State of Emergency, any attorney for any party may appear telephonically in cases before Judge Kessler without prior approval and without filing a motion in advance. Attorneys who would like to appear telephonically for a particular case should inform Judge Kessler's legal assistant, Alethea Mable, in advance of the hearing by e-mail at alethea.mable@usdoj.gov, and should provide the best phone number at which to be reached. Also during this time period, requests to continue cases due to COVID-19 concerns should be filed with as much notice as possible, but may on an emergency basis be made to the court by e-mail, again by e-mailing Judge Kessler's legal assistant, while copying opposing counsel.


Elizabeth A. Kessler
Immigration Judge