

MAKING REFERRALS

You will find individuals with possibilities for relief for removal. If the individual is not able to afford an attorney, they may be eligible for legal assistance from one of the three service providers. If you believe the person is eligible, please retain a copy of the NTA & I-213 and the intake form and forward those along by fax or mail to the agency to whom you are referring the case. Please do this promptly, so the agency has sufficient time to follow up before the next hearing. A two-week continuance should be requested to provide enough time for the agency to consider the case and contact the individual. The following are guidelines for referral:

1. Which cases to which agency?
 - a. The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota: any good case, regardless of residence
Contact: Sheila Stuhlman, phone: 651-641-1011, fax: 651-641-1131
 - b. The Advocates for Human Rights: asylum only – no criminal convictions, certain Withholding or CAT claims, but none with serious criminal convictions.
Contact: Emily Good, phone: 612-341-3302, fax: 612-341-2971
2. What is a “good case?”
 - a. LPR Cancellation
 - b. Withholding or CAT claim with equities
 - i. family members
 - ii. lower level offenses
 - iii. strong persecution fear
 - c. Refugee adjustment
 - i. Equities
 - ii. Family members
 - iii. Fewer crimes
 - d. Asylum
 - i. Fear “on account of” a protected ground;
 - e. Non-LPR Cancellation
 - i. Must have very strong equities for most agencies to consider.
 - f. U visa for crime victims
3. What to do to make the referral?
 - a. Call the agency you are referring the case to, and fax general information over the same day as Court.
 - b. Try to get a two week continuance.
 - c. Make sure you know the jail where the person is detained.
 - d. Never promise the person representation; tell them if the agency is able to help them, they will be contacted.
 - e. Best practice is for the referring agency to send a letter to the person if they will not be able to accept the case – however this may not always happen.
4. If the person does not appear to qualify for free legal services, or the case does not fit within the “good case” guidelines, provide the private attorney referral list.

Bond Company Referral List

This list is provided as a convenience. The attorneys providing the list are not associated with these agencies in any way. The companies on this list will likely charge you a fee for their services – it is your responsibility to ask and understand the terms of the agreement you make with the company to assist in paying the bond.

Federal Immigration Bonding
612-388-1356 (Twin Cities)
507-289-1345 (Southern MN)
www.immigrationbonding.com
8200 Humboldt Avenue S., #317
Bloomington, MN 55431

Serbus Bonds
Terry Serbus
320-523-2427
1-877-325-3363
www.serbusbonds.com
2535 W. Lincoln Avenue
Olivia, MN 56277

Action Immigration Bail Bonds
1-800-940-8889
www.immigration-bail-bonds.com
Ft. Lauderdale, FL