

DIRECTORY · BATON ROUGE

Official Offices in Baton Rouge: Immigration, Courts and Parish 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

This document publishes no street address for the immigration agency, the immigration enforcement arm, the border agency or the social security agency, and we say why plainly: appointments, case status and notices run through those agencies' **own online channels**, and what governs is **the address on the notice you receive. Courts are different and addresses can be printed:** the state has **four immigration courts** and one is in this city, at **451 Florida Street, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. But the agency publishes no geographic jurisdiction for any court,** so we do not write a rule that says "a resident of this city goes to this court."

The state's four immigration courts

COURT	ADDRESS	PUBLIC HOURS
Baton Rouge Immigration Court	451 Florida Street, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70801	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
New Orleans Immigration Court	One Canal Place, 365 Canal Street, Suite 500, New Orleans, LA 70130	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LaSalle Immigration Court	830 Pine Hill Road, Jena, LA 71342	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Oakdale Immigration Court	1900 E. Whatley Road, Oakdale, LA 71463	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- All four pages carry two common sentences: the courts are open **weekdays except federal holidays**, and You do not need to notify the immigration court in advance of your visit.
- **Hearings are open to the public:** Immigration court hearings are open to the public, with limited exceptions, as specified in law.
- **One of the four sits inside a detention facility:** This immigration court is located in a Department of Homeland Security controlled detention facility. There every visitor passes a metal detector and **cell phones are not admitted without facility approval. The page for the court in this city carries no such sentence.**
- **An unrepresented respondent's default hearing medium is in person:** Respondents who do not have a representative of record will always have a default hearing medium of in-person.

- **Recording and photography are prohibited**, and the agency ties that to federal regulation.

NO PUBLISHED VENUE, AND NO FACILITY COUNT

- **None of the four court pages states which parishes it serves.** That is a negative finding.
- **Do not assume that everyone living in this city has their case heard here;** learn which court hears your case **from the documents sent to you.**
- **We do not print the number, names or capacity of detention facilities in this state.** The relevant agencies' sites did not open from this network, and figures compiled from press reports **conflict with one another.**
- **What is certain from a first-party source:** the court agency's own listing shows **four** immigration courts in this state, **one of them in this city**, and **at least one inside a detention facility.**

Two official tools, two different questions

QUESTION	TOOL	WHAT YOU NEED
Where is the case and when is the hearing	The court agency's automated case information system : acis.eoir.justice.gov	Case number and country of birth
Which facility is the person held in	The federal immigration enforcement agency's online detainee locator	Case number or full name; country of birth in either case

- The case information system's own warnings: Not all cases, or all information about a case is displayed, and the information is offered only for convenience while **the documents the court sends you** control.
- **An honest limit on the detainee locator:** the agency's site did not open from this network, so **we could not read that tool's own text first-hand.** Known usage rules: a name search must match **exactly**; the system shows only people **currently in custody or released within the last 60 days; people under 18 do not appear.** The tool is free.
- **Do not confuse the two:** one tells you where the case is, the other where the person is.

The 100 air mile federal band: a regulatory parameter

This is not a distance; it is a regulatory parameter. The regulation's own definitions:

- **External boundary:** The term external boundary ... means the land boundaries and the territorial sea of the United States extending 12 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States determined in accordance with international law. So the definition **includes the territorial sea**, and because Louisiana is a coastal state the parameter runs from the coast as well.
- **Reasonable distance:** within 100 air miles from any external boundary of the United States or any shorter distance which may be fixed by the chief patrol agent. So **100 air miles is a ceiling, not a floor.**
- The regulation also lists what is weighed in setting the distance: topography, the convergence of transportation arteries from the border, population density, inconvenience to the traveling public, and the modes of transportation used.
- **We do not derive distances from a map.** We do not write how much of this city or state falls inside the band; what we write is **the parameter in the regulation.**

Federal courts and the order of appeal

- **The state has three federal judicial districts** and this city falls in the **middle district**. **The complete list of which parish falls in which district was not measured this round.**
- **The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sits in New Orleans** and describes its own reach: hears appeals from federal district courts in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The clerk's office is at the F. Edward Hebert Building, 600 S. Maestri Place, New Orleans.
- **Do not scramble the order:** an appeal from an immigration judge goes first to the **immigration appeals board**; the Fifth Circuit comes after that. Learn the path of your own case from your attorney.
- **Court interpreters are free** and the request should be made in advance and in writing. **Whether a Turkish court interpreter is registered in this state could not be verified.**

Local doors in this city

Because the city and the parish are **a single government**, there look to be fewer doors here, but the work still sits in separate offices.

TASK	WHO HANDLES IT
General government, trash, sewer	The consolidated government; the executive is the Mayor-President and the council is the Metropolitan Council, with 12 districts
Non-emergency service requests	311: by phone, through the government's own app, or at 311.brla.gov
Property assessment and exemption	The parish assessor's office
Property tax collection	The parish sheriff , as ex officio tax collector. Notices are mailed in November
Sales tax filing and occupational license	The consolidated government's revenue division; if you are in a separate municipality, that city's own office
Eviction suits	The city's own court, for property inside the city limits only
Deeds and mortgages, vital records, marriage licenses, jury	The parish Clerk of Court
Voter registration	The parish registrar of voters; U.S. citizens only
Document certification and apostilles	The commissions division of the state's office of the secretary of state, here in this city: P.O. Box 94125, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125 · courier 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809 · 225.922.0330

FOUR RULES AGAINST FRAUD

- **No government agency collects a debt or runs an application through a link in a text message.** The same risk shows up in this city as **fake unpaid toll messages**.
- **Do not pay anyone who says they can speed up your case.**
- **Ask for a copy of every document you sign** and never sign a blank form.
- **In immigration matters only a licensed attorney or an accredited representative of a recognized organization may represent you.** The broad powers of a notary in this state do not change that.

- 1 Write down the date, time, address and court name on your notice.** If the notice and something you read online disagree, **the notice controls**.
- 2 If your address changes, file the immigration report within 10 days;** if you have a pending court case, **notify the court separately**.
- 3 If you need an interpreter, request one in advance and in writing.**
- 4 If you have no attorney, go to the courtroom unless you are told otherwise in writing.**
- 5 Do not guess which court is hearing a detained relative's case;** use the two tools above.
- 6 Missing a hearing costs more than anything else in this document:** an in absentia removal order is very hard to undo.



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