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Official Offices, the Court and Appointments in Louisville: 2026 Guide

We publish no federal immigration or social security street address. What we do publish: the hearing location, two conflicting detention lists, and a time zone trap that appears here for the first time in this series.

SHORT ANSWER

First a limit, stated plainly: this guide does **not publish street addresses for the immigration agency, the immigration enforcement unit, customs and border protection, or the social security administration**. Book through **the agency's own system**; pay no intermediary site, because official systems are free. **What we can publish:** court and hearing location addresses, detention facility information, and consulate, city, county and university addresses. And two structural facts: **Kentucky has no immigration court, only a hearing location in Louisville; and the enforcement chain and the court chain run to two different cities.**

What we do not publish, and why

As in every guide in this series, we do not print **street addresses for federal immigration or social security offices**. The appointment systems and office locators sit on the agencies' own sites; **do not pay the first "book an appointment" site that appears in a search**. Official systems are free.

If a relative has been detained

The official search tool is named the **Online Detainee Locator System** and its address is **locator.ice.gov/odls**. **We verified the tool's name and address**, but the page itself **did not open** during the research, so **we make no claim about which details the search requires**. Open the page in an ordinary browser and read the required fields there.

And in that situation the first step is not to use the tool, it is to reach an attorney. The tool tells you where the person is held; it does not tell you what to do. On the Turkish side you can also call the consulate's **emergency line**.

Detention facilities: two official lists that do not match

Here two federal agencies' own lists conflict, and we print both and take no side. The first list, the immigration enforcement unit's own detention facility list, names **eight facilities**:

FACILITY	CITY
Boone County Jail	Burlington, KY
Campbell County Detention Center	Newport, KY
Christian County Jail	Hopkinsville, KY
Daviess County Detention Center	Owensboro, KY
Grayson County Detention Center	Leitchfield, KY
Hopkins County Jail	Madisonville, KY
Kenton County Detention Center	Covington, KY
Oldham County Detention Center	LaGrange, KY

The second list - the Kentucky facilities named by the immigration court agency under the court of administrative control - counts **seven**, and the difference is this: **Grayson County Detention Center does not appear on it.** On top of that, **the same facility is named differently by the two agencies:** one writes "**Boone County Jail**" and the other "**Boone County Detention Center.**" The second list also covers a facility outside Kentucky.

One labeled inference: no standalone federal facility operated solely for immigration detention was found in Kentucky; everything listed is a **county jail or county detention center.** **No agency sentence saying "we use only county facilities" was read** - this is our conclusion from reading the lists.

A DETAIL THAT MATTERS FOR LOUISVILLE

Neither list includes a facility in Jefferson County. So someone detained in Louisville will most likely be held **in another county**, and visits, attorney meetings and paperwork may mean traveling **to that county.** Know this in advance and plan the trip accordingly.

A structural finding: two chains, two cities

- **The enforcement and detention chain:** Kentucky's detention facilities fall under the immigration enforcement unit's **Chicago field office.**
- **The court chain:** Kentucky cases sit under the administrative control of the **immigration court in Memphis.**

So **"where I ask the enforcement side"** and **"where I ask the court"** are in **different cities.** When you call or send paperwork, work out which chain you are in.

No court, but a hearing location

The agency's own sentence: **"Effective July 30, 2021, EOIR closed the Louisville Immigration Court and established it as a hearing location under the administrative control of the Memphis Immigration Court."** So Louisville has a **hearing location**, and its administrative control sits with **a court in another state.**

ITEM	DETAIL
Louisville Hearing Location	601 W. Broadway, Basement Room 3, Louisville, KY 40202. Counter hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Court of administrative control	Memphis Immigration Court - Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Ave, Lower Level Suite G-10, Memphis, TN 38103 · 901-528-5883. Public hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. , counter filings 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Coverage	In the agency's own words, Louisville, Kentucky; Tennessee; Arkansas; and the northern portion of Mississippi
Federal appeals	The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit , sitting in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Potter Stewart United States Courthouse

THE TIME ZONE TRAP: READ THIS TWICE

- The agency's own sentence: **"Hearing times for the Louisville Docket are in Eastern Time unless otherwise indicated on the hearing notice."**
- **Why is that a trap?** Because the court of administrative control for your case sits in **Central Time**. When you call the court, speak with a staff member or read a time on a document, **ask which zone is meant.**
- **Kentucky itself is split across two time zones:** Louisville is in the **Eastern** zone while some cities in the southwest of the state are in the **Central** zone. Ask the same question when you travel to an appointment elsewhere in the state.
- **A practical precaution:** enter the hearing date in your phone **in Eastern Time** with a reminder starting **at least two hours ahead.** Missing a hearing carries serious consequences.

Where filings go

- **"In-person filings are accepted in Louisville."** You can hand paperwork in at the **Louisville hearing location.**
- For **mail and express delivery**, the agency directs filings for the Louisville docket to **the Louisville hearing location address above.** **Administrative control sits in another city, but the filing address is here** - do not confuse the two.
- For **filing procedure** the agency refers you to its own practice manual, and what your case requires varies. **Ask your attorney before you send anything yourself.**

How hearings are held: what is said and what is not

What the agency says: "Immigration court hearings are open to the public, with limited exceptions, as specified in law." So hearings are open as a rule. **What the agency does not say:** whether the hearing will be **in person, by video or by telephone.** The court's page does not state it. **The correct sentence is this:** the format you will attend in is written on **the hearing notice sent to you;** read it there, keep the notice and show it to your attorney.

Federal appeals: the court's own text defines its jurisdiction as **"the states of Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee."** **Labeled inference:** that an appeal from a Board of Immigration Appeals decision goes to this circuit is drawn from that jurisdictional definition; **the court's page does not say "immigration."**

Interpreters

In immigration hearings the interpreter is the federal court's responsibility and we do not describe that procedure here. **On the state court side,** Kentucky's judicial administration runs a **Court Interpreting Services** unit organized by judicial region, each with a liaison who coordinates requests. **If you receive a summons from a state court, submit your interpreter request in writing before the hearing, not on the morning of it. The Kentucky judiciary's own pages did not open during the research,** so we cannot describe the request procedure in the agency's words.

Who to notify when you move

The postal service's own warning: **"Your change of address order only changes your mailing address with the Post Office. You are responsible for telling government agencies, companies, and any other senders that your address has changed."** So forwarding is **not a notification.**

DOOR	WHY
☐ The postal service	Forwarding; it takes 7 to 10 business days to take effect. Online there is a \$1.25 identity verification fee and the card billing address condition
☐ The immigration agency	Depending on your status you may have a federal address reporting obligation. We do not describe the procedure here: ask your attorney or the agency's own page, and handle it in the week you move
☐ The transportation agency and county clerk	The license and the vehicle registration
☐ The county clerk (voter registration)	U.S. citizens only
☐ The school district	The district's list puts "You have moved" among the reasons an application is required
☐ Utilities and the city	Water, electricity, sewer and the collection day. Your garbage answer changes with your address
☐ The valuation office	If you own: the mailing address for the property tax bill. The debt runs even if the bill never reaches you
☐ The alert system	It targets geographically; registered at the wrong address, the warning will not reach you

And one status rule: state law requires a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident to apply **within 10 days** to update the license when there is **any change in immigration status.** That is not an address rule, but moving and a status change often land in the same period; plan them together.



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