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Official Offices in New Orleans: Immigration, Courts and Jury 2026

We publish no street address for any federal administrative office. Courts are different: one of the state's four immigration courts is in this city, and so is the court of appeals.

SHORT ANSWER

We built this document on **mechanism, not addresses**, and we say why: **we do not publish the street addresses of the immigration agency, customs and border protection, or the Social Security Administration**. The address on your appointment letter is **specific to your case** and that letter is the only correct source. **Court addresses, by contrast, are permitted**, and this state resembles none of the states measured in this series: **Louisiana has four immigration courts and one of them is in this city**. On top of that, **the Fifth Circuit court of appeals is in this city too**. **Hearings are open to the public** and **you do not need to notify the court in advance of your visit**. And one more rule: **for a person without an attorney the default hearing medium is in person**.

Why we publish no addresses

This is not an omission, it is a deliberate limit. The address on your appointment letter is **specific to your case**; an address found online can send you to the wrong building. **What is permitted and is written here:** court addresses, the location of the detention facility, and consular, city, parish and university addresses.

QUESTION	TOOL	WHAT YOU NEED
Where is my case, when is my hearing	The immigration courts agency's automated case information system	Your A number and nationality from a dropdown
Which facility is my relative held in	The detainee locator system	Your A number or first and last name; country of birth is required either way

The case information system's own warnings matter and go in verbatim: not all cases, or all information about a case, is displayed, the information is offered **for convenience only**, and what governs is **the documents the court or the appeals board sends you**. **What is on the screen does not take the place of a notice**.

THE DETAINEE LOCATOR: KNOWN USAGE RULES

- **We label this item honestly:** the relevant agency's site did not open on this network, so **we could not read the tool's own text firsthand**. The rules below were compiled from secondary sources and **are not definitive in this form**. We include them anyway, because this is what families need most in the first hours.
- Searches run either **by A number** or **by first and last name; country of birth is required either way**.
- If the A number is shorter than nine digits, **a zero is added in front**, and the number is usually found **in the upper right corner of the charging document**.
- In a name search the spelling must **match exactly**, hyphens included.
- 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**.

The four courts in the state

COURT	ADDRESS	PUBLIC HOURS
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.
Baton Rouge Immigration Court	451 Florida Street, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70801	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LaSalle Immigration Court	830 Pine Hill Road, P.O. Box 2179, Jena, LA 71342	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. · inside a detention facility
Oakdale Immigration Court	1900 E. Whatley Road, Oakdale, LA 71463	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All four pages carry two sentences in common: the court is open **Monday through Friday except federal holidays**, and **you do not need to notify it in advance of your visit**. **We state one thing we could not measure:** none of the four pages gives **a service area or a list of parishes served**. So we cannot answer which court will hear my case from the agency's own page. **Ask your attorney or check the case information system**.

ONE COURT SITS INSIDE A DETENTION FACILITY

- The LaSalle court's own page says it in its own words: this immigration court is located **in a detention facility controlled by the Department of Homeland Security**.
- **Cell phones are not admitted without facility approval**.
- **All visitors pass through a metal detector**.
- **Food and drink are prohibited** absent a judge's specific permission.
- **Cameras and recording devices are prohibited** in courtrooms and court areas.
- **No facility-specific visitor rule for relatives attending a hearing inside the facility could be found**. Call the court before you go.

Hearings are open, and three more rules

- All four court pages carry the same sentence: **immigration court hearings are open to the public, with limited exceptions specified in law.**
- **Visitors should observe in person, in the courtroom where the hearing is held.** For family members the route is the courtroom, not the internet.
- **For people without a representative of record the default hearing medium is in person.** For a reader without an attorney that is a direct scheduling and transportation item.
- **Photographing or recording any part of a hearing is strictly prohibited,** and the agency ties that to a federal regulation.
- If you are unsure whether your hearing is in person or online, **call the court that has your case.**
- Another court's page notes that visitors pass through a metal detector and a bag search and may be asked to remove their shoes; the same page adds that **fax and electronic filings are not accepted unless court staff or the judge specifically requests them.**

The Fifth Circuit court of appeals is in this city

From the court's own page: the **United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit** hears appeals from **the federal district courts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.** Its clerk's office is at **F. Edward Hebert Building, 600 S. Maestri Place, New Orleans, LA 70130.**

We also write a common mistake: an appeal from an immigration court decision goes **first to the board of appeals;** the Fifth Circuit is the stage after that. **We could not separately verify that order from the agency's own page,** so ask your attorney about the detail. **Federal court geography:** Louisiana has **three federal judicial districts;** **New Orleans is in the eastern district,** the state capital is in the middle district, and the western district lists **five divisions** on its own page. **We did not measure the full list of which parish falls in which district this round.**

Interpreters: free, and the court pays

- From the criminal district court in this parish: the court commits to meaningful access for people with limited English proficiency, and **interpreters are provided at no cost for individuals who are parties or witnesses.**
- The request is made **before the hearing,** directly to the court or to its language access coordinator.
- The same page offers its brochures in **English, Arabic, Spanish, French, Vietnamese and Mandarin.** **Turkish is absent,** and **whether any registered Turkish court interpreter exists in Louisiana could not be verified.** That is why you should make the request **early.**
- **On who pays, what was measured is this:** the relevant procedural provisions in both criminal and civil practice were amended in 2024 and the text says **the cost of a qualified court interpreter is paid from the relevant court fund.** **We could not read that text on the statute's own page,** so we give no section number.
- **At city and state level Turkish appears in no institutional channel:** language access on the city's preparedness page covers only **Spanish and Vietnamese;** the state preparedness guide covers **English,**

Spanish and Vietnamese. The multilingual phone door is **2-1-1**, but **whether Turkish is offered could not be verified.**

NUMBERS WE DO NOT PUBLISH

- **The number, names and capacity of detention facilities in this state are not written in this document.** None of the relevant agency sites opened this round and the figures in press reporting **contradict one another and are secondary.**
- **The only thing certain from a primary source:** the state has **four immigration courts** and **at least one of them is inside a detention facility.**
- **The geographic service areas of the four courts could not be measured,** and that is a negative finding; it is why we set no rule.
- **The network and appointment capacity of immigration agency offices could not be measured either.** We write nothing about the number of offices, waiting times or how easy an appointment is. **We do not say none exists; we say we could not measure it.**

Appointments: the letter is your only correct source

- The **date, time, address and documents to bring** written on the letter are specific to your case.
- **Take the letter with you;** appointments attended without it cause problems.
- **Arrive early** and leave time for the security screening.
- If you cannot attend, follow the route written on the letter; **not attending can affect your case.**
- **Ask your attorney the questions specific to your case;** this document is general information.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND JURY SERVICE: THE CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

- **Voter registration is for United States citizens only.** Registering or voting as a non-citizen directly affects your immigration case.
- **The registry is kept by the parish, not the state:** each parish has its own registrar of voters and address changes go there.
- **Jury service depends on citizenship** and jury work runs at the parish level; your counterpart is the parish clerk of court.
- **If a summons reaches you although you are not a citizen,** it is usually an error produced by cross-matched lists. **Do not ignore it:** report your situation as the summons instructs and **keep a copy of your answer.**
- **The voter registration question can come up at a license counter,** and the agency's policy document on this **could not be downloaded this round;** what a non-citizen applicant is asked at the counter could not be verified. **Check no box and tell the clerk your situation plainly.**

- 1 Write down the date, time, address and court name on your notice.** If the address on the notice conflicts with one you read online, **the notice governs.**
- 2 If your address changes, report it to the immigration agency within 10 days** and update every pending case separately.

- 3 If you need an interpreter, make the request in writing before the hearing;** with no record found for Turkish, early notice matters even more.
- 4 If you have no attorney, go to the courtroom unless you are told otherwise in writing.**
- 5 For a detained relative, do not confuse the two tools and have the A number ready;** both of them ask for it.
- 6 If a jury summons arrives, answer it properly,** keep a copy and consult your attorney before sending it.
- 7 Missing a hearing costs more than anything else in this document:** an order entered in absentia is very hard to undo.
- 8 For statewide immigration items see** [our Louisiana guide](#).



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