



Detail

Complaint Number: 739

Immigration Judge: (b)(6)

Complaint Received Date: 03/25/13

Current ACIJ
Santoro, Christopher A.

Base City
(b) (6)

Status
CLOSED

Final Action
Complaint dismissed because it
cannot be substantiated

Final Action Date
04/01/13

Past ACJIS:

| A-Numbers(s) | Complaint Nature(s) | Complaint Source(s) |
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| (b)(6) | In-court conduct | Third party (b) (6) (b) (6) |

Complaint Narrative: IJ intimidate respondent and counsel, became angry during the merits hearing, and coached respondent into admitting participation in alien smuggling.

Complaint History

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| 03/27/13 | ACIJ reviews hearing and DAR |
| 04/01/13 | ACIJ discusses complaint with IJ |
| 04/01/13 | Complaint dismissed because it cannot be substantiated |
| 04/05/13 | Database entry created |

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March 17, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is (b) (6) On February 28, 2013.

I went to the Immigration court in (b) (6) with (b) (6) and some other persons.

which included his lawyer (b) (6) my wife, two other friends and (b) (6) family.

We all went to support him.

His court was at 2:00 pm and we all were in the courtroom waiting for the Judge (b) (6) to come into the room and start the proceedings.

As soon as the judge got into the court he immediately started making a lot of nasty remarks to (b) (6)

lawyer, This judge was very upset with the lawyer

Then the judge proceed to question (b) (6) about

how he filled out the paperwork if it was in English

and (b) (6) didn't know English; To this (b) (6)

answered but the interpreter couldn't understand

what (b) (6) said because he was obviously very afraid

and nervous. By this time judge (b) (6) was real angry

and rude with (b) (6) attitude

over

The jude was angrier by the minute and (b) (6) and even

His lawyer (b) (6) dint'n know what to say or do.

The situation became caotic; And at this point I raised

my hand because I wanted to tell the interpreter and the

court that there was a misunderstanding with the inter-

pretation with (b) (6) answer. By this point (b) (6)

couldn't speak and the Judge was furious even changing

the color on (b) (6) face.. By this point the Judge told

(b) (6) lawyer, (b) (6) to led some of us out of the

courtroom leaving only my wife (b) (6) and

my friend. I completely disagree on this judge (b) (6)

attitude. It's a shame that this great nation have people

like this judge (b) (6) working in the courts of this

goverment where we are supposed to have justice for all.

Judge (b) (6) is far away of being just and (b) (6) does not know

what compassion is eventough (b) (6) was representing our

goverment at that time, (b) (6) was abussing his authority, with

no concern whatsoever for the human rights. God have mercy

on (b) (6)

Yours in JESUS CHRIST

(b) (6)

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March 18, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY COCERN:

My name is (b) (6) On February 28, 2013 a group of members from our church went to the Immigration Court

(b) (6) To support our friend and brother in CHRIST

(b) (6) and his lawyer (b) (6)

The court started at 2;00 pm and the Judge, (b) (6)

(b) (6) came into the court room visibly upset. We never knew what had happened to Him. But I noticed that during the whole process, the judge intimidated both (b) (6) and his lawyer (b) (6) with (b) (6) attitude.

I noticed that the judge started questioning (b) (6) becoming angrier by the minute, (b) (6) also kind of coach (b) (6) into saying or admitting that he pay to bring someone into this country illegally. When all of this was happening (b) (6) was very nervous and confussed and couldn't hardly even speak, His lawyer (b) (6) was also nervous, and also all of us. We know (b) (6) for 3 years and have never seeing him as nervous and afraid as that day, he couldn't even speak and was very confused. And on top of that his lawyer never help him the way he should. I understand that if a person goes to court with a lawyer , is the lawyer's job to talk for his client and help him any way he can but this never happened. I truly beleived that whatever happened to (b) (6) that they shouldn't happend again to anyone.

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I saw that day of February 28, 2013 in that courtroom
a very rude, angry and intimidating judge.

Judge (b) (6) is a disgrace to our court system
to our government and to our country. I beleive that
persons like judge (b) (6) shouldn't be sitting in our
courts misrepresenting this great nation. We shall
all remember that this is a nation built by migrants
and for migrants where everybody can pursue the
American Dream...

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!!!!

Very truly yours

(b) (6)

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Immigration Judge Complaint Intake Form

HQ Use Only:
complaint #: _____
source: first / subsequent

Date Received at OCIJ: 3/25/13

| complaint source type | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> anonymous | <input type="checkbox"/> BIA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> respondent's attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> respondent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> third party (e.g., relative, uninterested attorney, courtroom observer, etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | |
| complaint receipt method | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> letter | <input type="checkbox"/> IJC memo (BIA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fax | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> email | <input type="checkbox"/> phone (incl. voicemail) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> in-person | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | |
| date of complaint source | complaint source contact information |
| (i.e., date on letter, date of appellate body's decision) 3/17/13 | name: (b) (6) address: (b) (6) |
| additional complaint source details | |
| (i.e., DHS component, media outlet, third party details, A-number) A(b) (6) | email: _____ phone: _____ fax: _____ |

| IJ name | base city | ACIJ |
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| (b) (6) | | Santoro |
| relevant A-number(s) | date of incident | |
| (b) (6) | 2/28/13 | |
| allegations | | |
| IJ intimidated respondent and counsel, became angry during the merits hearing, and coached respondent into admitting participation in alien smuggling. | | |
| nature of complaint | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in-court conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> out-of-court conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> due process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> incapacity | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> bias |
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Executive Office for Immigration Review

Office of the Chief Immigration Judge

5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2500
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

April 2, 2013

(b) (6)

Dear (b) (6)

Your letters dated March 17 and 18, 2013 were forwarded to me for review. Thank you for sharing your concerns about your observations in Immigration Court on February 28, 2013. I have reviewed the entire case, including the Court's rulings and all of the hearings that occurred prior to and on February 28.

With regard to your concern that certain people were excluded from the courtroom, it is the normal practice in most courts, including Immigration Court, to ensure that people who might be witnesses do not hear the testimony of other witnesses. That is why (b) (6) was asked to wait outside the courtroom.

With regard to your concern that the judge treated (b) (6) inappropriately, based on my review of the hearings, the evidence, and other matters – many of which you would not have seen during the hearing on February 28 – I have concluded that the judge did not engage in inappropriate behavior. If the judge made any legal errors in (b) (6) handling of the case, those will be addressed during the appeal process should (b) (6) decide to appeal.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Santoro
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge