



Detail

Complaint Number: 769

Immigration Judge: (b)(6)

Complaint Received Date: 06/06/13

Current ACIJ
Santoro, Christopher A.

Base City
(b)(6)

Status
CLOSED

Final Action
Complaint dismissed because it
cannot be substantiated

Final Action Date
09/03/13

Past ACIS:

A-Numbers(s)	Complaint Nature(s)	Respondent Atty	Complaint Source(s)
(b)(6)	Bias	(b)(6)	(b)(6)

Complaint Narrative: Attorney alleges IJ demonstrated a consistent practice of personal bias, prejudice, pettiness and remarkably unprofessional conduct.

Complaint History

06/19/13 Database entry created
06/24/13 EOIR communication sent to complainant
07/09/13 Communication received from complainant
09/03/13 Complaint dismissed because it cannot be substantiated

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COMPLAINT AGAINST IMMIGRATION JUDGE (b) (6) OF

(b) (6)

This is a complaint against the above named judge who through a period of about a year has demonstrated a consistent practice of personal bias, prejudice, pettiness and remarkably unprofessional conduct directed at myself individually which has resulted in gross miscarriage of justice and serious harm to innocent Aliens appearing in his court.

This is the history of how this situation has escalated to the intolerable level that it is today.

INITIAL THREATS, INTIMIDATION, INSULTS AND SUBVERSION OF JUSTICE

These events began on June 21st, 2012 with the matter of (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Upon being charged with removability, (b) (6) conceded removability based on his failure to comply with the conditions of the non-immigrant student status. He however denied the charge of having represented himself to be a citizen of the United States. At the hearing, (b) (6) stated that he would apply for asylum, withholding of removal, and Withholding of removal under the United Nations Convention Against Torture. (b) (6) duly filed a form i-589. The merits hearing was set for June 21st, 2012.

Before the hearing on June 21st, 2012, (b) (6) had married (b) (6) a U.S citizen, who had filed an I-130 petition for Alien Relative for the benefit of (b) (6). This fact made (b) (6) eligible for adjustment of Status conditional

upon the approval of the I-130, a fact that was made known to the Immigration Judge.

i) Hostile encounter not on record

The proceedings before the Immigration Judge were conducted in too intimidating and hostile a manner to afford (b) (6) a meaningful opportunity to develop the factual predicates of his claim, let alone to respond to any legitimate concerns about his claim.

On the 21st, June 2012, the merits hearing was set to begin at 08:30 a.m. When the matter was called up, counsel for (b) (6) was not present in court. The Immigration judge went into a tirade directing very hostile language and remarks at (b) (6) who was present in court with his wife (b) (6). The Immigration Judge claimed that the counsel had been late in (b) (6) court numerous times and that the judge was very angry about that. (The truth as it turns out, was that the counsel, had never been late before, even once in the Judge's court). The judge went on in open court to characterize counsel, in counsel's absence as incompetent and the entire law firm as being staffed by incompetents incapable of representing client's in immigration proceedings. The judge went on to castigate, vilify and disparage both counsel and the client for an entire five minutes, in the absence of counsel, and then went into (b) (6) chambers. The government counsel (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) and client (b) (6) were present in court.

Upon arrival of (b) (6) (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) (assistant chief Counsel) informed counsel, (b) (6) that the immigration judge wanted to meet both counsels in chambers.

When counsels entered in to the judge's chambers, the judge erupted into an uncontrollable fit. Spewing out diatribe laced with what could only be construed as insults towards (b) (6) apologized profusely and explained that due to construction on the i-85 freeway, there was an unexpected delay because of stationary traffic that was entirely unforeseen. (b) (6) lives in (b) (6) while the judge, Assistant Chief Counsel (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) and (b) (6) live in (b) (6), within the vicinity of the immigration court.

The judge hearing none of this, admitted that (b) (6) was had never been late to (b) (6) court but other Attorney's in his firm have been so (b) (6) had

to be responsible for that. The judge upon a fair challenge could not substantiate (b) (6) claims. The irate judge went on to make charges of incompetence and unfitness to represent clients in (b) (6) court. (b) (6) went on to threaten that (b) (6) would never be allowed to practice before (b) (6) forever. (b) (6) stated specifically "You are outta here!" The judge then went on to state that there was no evidence (b) (6) could find to support the asylum claim and that (b) (6) was going to deny it. (b) (6) said this without even enquiring as to whether any testimony was to be offered and if there would be any witnesses. (b) (6) informed the Judge that there would be testimony in court and that there would be a motion to allow introduction of a new form of relief in the form of adjustment of status.

The Judge stated angrily that (b) (6) would not grant any motions of any kind. (b) (6) asked that due to the volatile nature of the situation and the way things had turned out, counsel did not feel that he should continue to represent (b) (6) and said he will be making a motion to withdraw out of concerns for a fair trial in the circumstances. The judge angrily said "I will not let you out of this one". "The only thing I can do for you today is to give you voluntary departure, nothing else", (b) (6) said. Then (b) (6) said to (b) (6) to go ask (b) (6) if he will take voluntary departure and report back in chambers. (b) (6) left both Judge and Assistant chief counsel (b) (6) & (b) (7)(C) in Chambers. Counsel came back to announce that (b) (6) did not agree to take voluntary departure. The judge then sent both counsels out saying "Let us meet in court". (b) (6) was still visibly hostile, angry and lacked every suggestion of judicial restraint.

The judge went on to tell (b) (6) that (b) (6) had the authority to 'throw' (b) (6) out of (b) (6) and threatened (b) (6) by saying 'You are out of here'.

At this point it was clear no fair trial would occur.

When the matter resumed in court, the Judge was still irate and kept delaying the trial by adjourning every now and then and going back to (b) (6) chambers for no apparent reason. The matter was finally concluded past 4pm. The record in that case will reveal a haphazard and confused process on 06/21/2012 where the judge made decisions and reopened them, closed testimony and then reopened in a way that the proceedings could not be viewed as fair and impartial.

Without any good reason, he took offense when (b) (6) declined to accept that (b) (6) waive all his rights and take voluntary departure.

The case has been appealed and is pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

(b) (6) INTERFERING IN A MATTER NOT BEFORE (b) (6) COURT

Judge (b) (6) did not end (b) (6) bias and personal fight against me with the case of (b) (6) went ahead to call another Judge without any justifiable cause and interfere with a matter pending at (b) (6) Immigration court in (b) (6)

This is the matter of (b) (6) at (b) (6) Immigration Court. (b) (6) I was also the counsel of record for (b) (6) scheduled for April 29th, 2013. Both the matter of (b) (6) and the Matter of (b) (6) were scheduled for hearing on the same day- April 29th, 2013.

When I discovered the unforeseen conflict in the matter of (b) (6) above and the matter of (b) (6) I made a motion for continuance in the matter of (b) (6) because Judge (b) (6) at (b) (6) had insisted that I appear in person for (b) (6) on the same day. Due to the prevailing relations between myself and Judge (b) (6) I knew that the motion would be denied anyway, so I instructed another Attorney (b) (6) to appear for me and conduct the matter on my behalf. The client had approved of (b) (6) appearing on my behalf. (b) (6) conducted the matter and the government made a motion for administrative closure.

Judge (b) (6) was again overcome by rage for no apparent reason because I had not appeared in court. (b) (6) called Judge (b) (6) before whom I was appearing, after (b) (6) had denied my motion for continuance and started discussing me with Judge (b) (6) making very disturbing remarks in the process. Judge (b) (6) told me in open court that (b) (6) had been called by Judge (b) (6) and that they had had a conversation about me. Judge (b) (6) indicated to me that, (b) (6) knew I had a problem with Judge (b) (6) and that (b) (6) tried to 'protect' me. Judge (b) (6) made it known or impressed upon Judge (b) (6) that I was not to be believed. Judge (b) (6) had absolutely no basis to make such comments to (b) (6) because

there is no time that I ever made any statements that were not true to Judge (b) (6). It was after that conversation that Judge (b) (6) denied my motion for telephonic appearance in the same case for 05/23/2013 for no apparent reason therefore necessitating me to travel from (b) (6) for a master calendar hearing.

When I arrived at the court on that day I found a long list of Attorneys who were scheduled to appear telephonically. I could only wonder why (b) (6) singled me out for denial of my motion, without giving reasons. My conclusion was that it had to do with the conversation (b) (6) had with Judge (b) (6).

Then came the matter of (b) (6)

(b) (6)

When this matter came up for a master hearing on 05/06/2013, I let the judge (b) (6) know that in this matter, the immigration judge had no jurisdiction because the Alien had entered the country by way of the Visa Waiver program. I showed the judge a copy of the visa waiver and the regulation which clearly states that the Immigration judge has no jurisdiction. The government conceded that the immigration judge had no jurisdiction but Judge (b) (6) looked at me in a menacing way and told me "I won't terminate the proceedings".

(b) (6) then called me and counsel for the government to approach the bench. (b) (6) then loudly at the hearing of everyone present in court started telling me that (b) (6) is watching me like an eagle, that I had been playing with (b) (6) and that (b) (6) had spoken to Judge (b) (6) in (b) (6) Immigration court about me. (b) (6) told me (b) (6) had listened to the proceedings in the matter of (b) (6) at (b) (6) Immigration court and had discussed with Judge (b) (6) about me. (b) (6) went on to say, loudly for the whole court to hear including my client, that (b) (6) has an eye out for me and another Attorney called (b) (6) who (b) (6) erroneously believed worked for me. (b) (6) went on to lecture me about how hard (b) (6) was going to make life for me. (b) (6) dared me make one more mistake with (b) (6). All the time I was wondering where all this was coming from. I did not fail to attend (b) (6) court, I had another attorney appear for me, and I could understand what (b) (6) was talking about.

This prompted my client to ask me very disturbing questions.

I was appalled by how petty (b) (6) was being.

I since filed a motion to terminate that has not been acted upon as yet. This in my view is a waste of government resources for no good reason.

Most recently, I filed a motion to calendar in the matter of (b) (6) (b) (6) on May 3rd, 2013.

This matter had been administratively closed on November 14th, 2012 upon a joint request by the government and the respondent. The (b) (6) had instructed me to make a motion to recalendar because she wanted to pursue her application for asylum and other forms of reliefs.

Since the matter had been closed, and the previous attorney (b) (6) had written to (b) (6) concluding her representation, I filed my EOIR-28 and submitted my motion to recalendar. Instead of making a decision on the motion, Judge (b) (6) instead decided to write to the EOIR disciplinary committee stating that I was in violation of some ethics rules by submitting the motion to recalendar without a motion to substitute counsel.

First, Judge (b) (6) was wrong on the following points:

1. The case had been long closed
2. There was no longer any representation going on because the case had been closed.
3. (b) (6) has a right to be represented by an Attorney of her choice
4. I had filed a notice of appointment of Attorney as required by the Immigration Court Practice Manual
5. Client told me that (b) (6) representation had expired with the close of her case and she did not consider her to be her attorney since the case was closed.

If judge (b) (6) was concerned about the manner in which the motion to recalendar had been filed, all (b) (6) needed to do is to reject it and ask for it to be re-filed with a motion to substitute counsel, or in the alternative just deny the motion.

That is the common practice with defective motions in all immigration courts.

(b) (6) action of referring the case to the EOIR disciplinary counsel was unnecessary and motivated by some animus, or some other cause other than the fair administration of justice. In the process, the client continues to suffer.

I believe this conduct by the immigration judge is wholly inappropriate. I believe it is not conducive to the fair administration of justice and some action ought to be taken to remedy this situation.

(b) (6)

06/03/2013

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Immigration Judge Complaint Intake Form

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

Date Received at OCIJ: 6/6/13

complaint source type	
<input type="checkbox"/> anonymous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> respondent's attorney <input type="checkbox"/> third party (e.g., relative, uninterested attorney, courtroom observer, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> BIA <input type="checkbox"/> respondent <input type="checkbox"/> OIL <input type="checkbox"/> EOIR <input type="checkbox"/> OPR <input type="checkbox"/> DHS <input type="checkbox"/> OIG <input type="checkbox"/> Main Justice <input type="checkbox"/> media
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date of complaint source	complaint source contact information
(i.e., date on letter, date of appellate body's decision) 6/3/2013	name: _____ address: _____ email: _____ phone: _____ fax: _____
additional complaint source details	
(i.e., DHS component, media outlet, third party details, A-number) (b) (6)	

IJ name	base city	ACIJ
(b) (6)		Santoro
relevant A-number(s)	date of incident	
(b) (6)	6/21/12, 4/29/13, 5/6/13, 5/3/13	
Allegations		
Several allegations of perceived bias against the complainant. All of the complaints were filed after the IJ made a referral to EOIR OGC concerning the performance of counsel.		
nature of complaint		
<input type="checkbox"/> in-court conduct <input type="checkbox"/> incapacity	<input type="checkbox"/> out-of-court conduct <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> due process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bias <input type="checkbox"/> legal <input type="checkbox"/> criminal

date	action	initials
6/10/13 – 6/15/13	<p>ACIJ receives and reviews complaint, listens to relevant hearings</p> <p>There is no specific complaint about the hearing conducted by IJ (b) (6) in (b) (6) but a review of that hearing reflects that the complainant, in that hearing, was poorly prepared and demonstrated confusion about the law.</p>	cas
6/18/13	ACIJ reviews complainant's prior disciplinary history w/ OGC	cas
6/27/13 – 7/15/13	ACIJ on leave	cas
7/16/13 – 7/19/13	Attempting to arrange telephonic interview date/time with complainant	cas
7/22/13	<p>Telephone conversation w/ complainant. 55 minutes in length. The discussion generally tracked the information in his complaint letter. Additional details follow:</p> <p>Complainant first began appearing in (b) (6) in 2010. He had previously practiced in (b) (6). He has appeared before all of the (b) (6) judges. He had appeared before Judge (b) (6) 4-5 times before the 6/21/12 hearing that is the subject of the first of his complaints.</p> <p>Explained to complainant the issue regarding his attempt to file a motion on behalf of a respondent represented by other counsel. After discussion, he said he understood what the procedural problem was but felt that the IJ should not have referred him to the disciplinary counsel over that.</p> <p>Complainant said all potential witnesses were identified in his complaint. I noted that portions of his complaint about the 6/21/12 hearing were based on things he'd heard from his client as opposed to witnessing personally; he said he would have his client submit a statement about what he recalled.</p> <p>Told complainant I would continue review of the matter and await his client's statement. Also explained generally the complaint review process and the information he may or may not receive upon resolution. Complainant said he felt better being able to talk to someone about his experiences and didn't necessarily want/need/expect a lengthy formal response.</p>	cas
8/6/13	<p>Telephone conversation with IJ. Denies being unprofessional. Stated that complainant does not represent his clients well. Acknowledged calling Judge (b) (6) but stated (b) (6) felt there was nothing inappropriate with one judge talking to another and that it was unfortunate that (b) (6) said what (b) (6) said on the record. Explained why (b) (6) denied the 4/30/13 motion to recalendar (although complainant filed the motion, complainant was not the attorney of record at the time).</p> <p>ACIJ verbally counseled IJ concerning appearance and demeanor and recommended that the IJ reduce or eliminate off-the-record discussions.</p>	cas
8/14/13	Respondent's counsel submitted affidavit from respondent with his recollection of events that occurred prior to counsel's arrival.	cas

8/28/13	<p>Telephonic interview of DHS Trial Attorney (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) 20 minutes in length. She was present for the hearing on 6/21/12. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) stated as follows: she remembers the hearing fairly clearly both because she reviewed her notes prior to our call but also because the complainant made the same IJ conduct allegations in his appellate brief, which she answered.</p> <p>(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) did not remember anything unusual that occurred before the attorney arrived (45 mins late). She was aware of, and could not confirm, the respondent's allegation that the IJ made unprofessional or disparaging comments about his counsel. Upon counsel's arrival, the IJ held a chambers conference. During that chambers conference, the IJ was clearly displeased with counsel for arriving late and poorly preparing the case. (b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) said that the IJ does not mask (b)(6) displeasure – either in that conference or generally. Respondent's counsel asked to withdraw from the case and the IJ denied the request, saying that (b)(6) was not going to let the attorney desert his client because he (the attorney) did a poor job of preparation. When the conference concluded they went back into court and completed the hearing.</p> <p>(b)(6) & (b)(7)(C) arrived at the (b)(6) court within a month of Judge (b)(6) and has been practicing before (b)(6) during his entire tenure at the court. Her impression is that (b)(6) is a stickler for the rules and enforces them. (b)(6) does not hide (b)(6) displeasure when (b)(6) feels attorneys are not performing adequately or are doing things detrimental to their clients. She said (b)(6) has a very good rapport with the private counsel who appear before (b)(6) regularly and know (b)(6) style. She said that (b)(6) frequently overreacts when the rules are not followed but she would not characterize the overreactions as “inappropriate” or “unprofessional.” Specifically with regard to this hearing, she did not feel that the IJ did or said anything that was unprofessional.</p>	cas
8/28/13	Requested copy of briefs on (b)(6) from the BIA.	cas
9/3/13	Received (b)(6) briefs. Complainant's brief asserts same bases for remand as are alleged in the complaint against the IJ.	cas
9/3/13	<p>Resolution:</p> <p>Re: (b)(6)</p> <p>UNSUBSTANTIATED – Both IJ and trial attorney's accounts differ from complainant's. Lapse of time (one year) between alleged conduct and filing of complaint present challenges in accurately reconstructing what was said.</p> <p>Re: (b)(6)</p> <p>There is no specific complaint about the hearing conducted by IJ (b)(6) in (b)(6). However, during that hearing, IJ (b)(6) told the complainant that (b)(6) had “protected him” when IJ (b)(6) called (b)(6) to see whether complainant was actually in (b)(6) courtroom on a prior date, as he'd claimed. Complainant appears to be claiming that IJ (b)(6) conversation with IJ (b)(6) was inappropriate and that, as a result of something IJ (b)(6) inappropriately said to IJ (b)(6), IJ (b)(6) revoked complainant's telephonic appearance privileges. DISPROVEN – IJ (b)(6) call to IJ (b)(6) was not inappropriate. IJ (b)(6)</p>	cas

	<p>revocation of complainant's telephonic privileges was based upon his apparent inability to conduct a telephonic hearing coherently (hearing date 4/22/13).</p> <p>Re: (b) (6)</p> <p>Complainant alleges that the IJ looked menacingly at him and denied a motion to terminate even with DHS concurrence. The "menacing look" is UNSUBSTANTIATED. The complaint about the denial of the motion to terminate is DISPROVEN – the DHS did not have the A file to take a position on jurisdiction so the IJ set it over for another hearing so the DHS could obtain the file and confirm its position.</p> <p>Re: (b) (6)</p> <p>UNFOUNDED – the complainant filed a motion to recalendar when he was not the attorney of record. While other IJs may not have decided to forward the motion to OGC, there was nothing inherently improper about doing so.</p> <p>Despite the findings above, ACIJ provided the IJ additional counseling on demeanor and appearance:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">We had spoken a couple of weeks back about a complaint I'd received from (b) (6) about several of his cases. Since our telephone conversation I've received additional information which has caused me to make further inquiries. While I am still going to close out the complaint, I wanted to reiterate my recommendation that you err on the side of recording more rather than less. Resolution of many of his statements would have been much clearer if the entirety of the hearings had been recorded. Also, as additional food for thought, I've heard from more than one individual (including DHS counsel) that when you become angry or frustrated with someone, that anger or frustration is nearly always readily apparent and has caused some to believe you overreact to certain issues. Obviously I'm not there with you and can't give you my own sense of things, but since I'm hearing this from both sides of the aisle, so to speak, I wanted to pass it along for your situational awareness and consideration.</p>	
9/4/13	Letter to complainant with resolution notification.	cas

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8/12/2013

Dear Judge Santoro,

REF: COMPLAINT AGAINST IMMIGRATION JUDGE (b) (6) OF
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Please find enclosed an affidavit by (b) (6) relating to this complaint.

Regards.

(b) (6)

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STATE OF (b) (6)

COUNTY OF (b) (6)

(b) (6) being duly sworn according to law, deposes and attests under penalty of perjury to the following:

I, (b) (6) of the City of (b) (6), being first duly sworn on oath, state that:

1. I am over 18 years of age and competent enough to testify of my own knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. All the facts stated by me herein are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

3. I, (b) (6) state that on 06/21/2012 I appeared before Judge (b) (6) of Immigration Court. (b) (6) I was in the company of my wife (b) (6) since I didn't know which court room my case was being held and the reception desk nobody was present to offer us help. It took us time before finally locating the court room where my case was located. When we entered the Judge asked me my name and when I introduced myself (b) (6) raised his voice loudly telling me I was five minutes away from being deported to my native country. (b) (6) asked me where and who my attorney was, as I explained that I had spoken to him and he was stuck in the traffic, the Judge told me (b) (6) was tired of my attorney's law firm since in the past one of their associate had appeared before (b) (6) late. (b) (6) went on to say, that (b) (6) was going to teach that law firm a lesson pointing out that my attorney had not even filed paper work with court in regard to my case. (b) (6) went on to say, (b) (6) shall ensure my attorney's law firm cease to operate their business. During the whole time we were in the court, the Judge made it very clear (b) (6) was not ready to listen to us and shall not rule in our favor the case before (b) (6) continued to address me in regard to the case on various legal matter without the presence of my attorney. When my attorney finally arrived (b) (6) angrily summoned him into the chamber. The Judge dismissed us and told us to return in the afternoon saying (b) (6) had already ruled on the case without even listening to us. In the afternoon when we returned (b) (6) said (b) (6) was ready to give his ruling which (b) (6) had already written down. But before (b) (6) presentation of the ruling (b) (6) stated we could go ahead and speak. But (b) (6) continually repeated and emphasized the fact that (b) (6) had his ruling regardless of what my attorney was to present before the court. The Judge clearly used intimidation and position to deny us fair hearing.

(Printed Name of Affiant) (b) (6)

(Signature of Affiant) (b) (6)

(Address of Affiant) (b) (6)

NOTARY CERTIFICATION

SWORN to and subscribed before me, this the 26th day of July, 2013

(b) (6)

My Commission Expires:

3/21/14

(b) (6)

Keller, Mary Beth (EOIR)

From: IJConduct, EOIR (EOIR)
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 9:18 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [FWD: COMPLAINT AGAINST IMMIGRATION JUDGE (b) (6)] OF (b) (6)

(b) (6)

I received both your written complaint as well as your telephone call to me last week while I was out of the office. Please be assured that your complaint is under review and I will be contacting you for additional information within the next few weeks. Thank you.

Christopher A. Santoro
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 1:06 PM
To: IJConduct, EOIR (EOIR)
Subject: [FWD: COMPLAINT AGAINST IMMIGRATION JUDGE (b) (6)] OF (b) (6)

Greetings,

This follows the telephone conversation earlier today with Ms. Debra.

I emailed this complaint on 06/03/2013 and i am following up on whether it was received or not.

I also sent in a letter on the same day by mail addressed to:

Christopher A. Santoro
5107 Leesburg Pike,
Suite 2500
Falls Church, VA 22041

Please let me know what the next steps are.

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6)

Date: Mon, June 03, 2013 5:02 pm

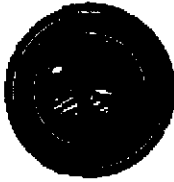
To: EOIR.IJConduct@usdoj.gov

Please see the attached complaint.

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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

Office of the Chief Immigration Judge

5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2500
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

September 4, 2013

(b) (6)

RE: Complaint against Immigration Judge (b) (6)

Dear Attorney (b) (6)

This letter is in response to the complaint you filed on June 3, 2013 concerning your experiences practicing before Immigration Judge (b) (6) of the (b) (6) (b) (6) Immigration Court. In addition to our telephone conversation of July 22, 2013, the information you submitted with your initial complaint, and your client's supplemental affidavit submitted on August 12, 2013, I have reviewed and considered the digital audio recordings of the hearings in issue as well as interviews with the immigration judge and other individuals who may have observed the hearings and discussions.

As I mentioned on the telephone, laws and regulations place limits on disclosure of certain information about the resolution of complaints against immigration judges. This letter is your notification that I have resolved the complaint and taken the action I have determined appropriate to address the matters you raised. Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Santoro
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge