

Notification Requests as of March 2025

Please notify Amy at courtobserver@umn.edu after your shift (same day if possible) with any of the following:

For detained hearings, either merit or master calendar:

- A copy of the list of cases on the posted docket- including full names, country of origin, attorney rep, language and full A# if possible. Use an X for any missing digit of the A#. This helps attorneys be able to identify and track cases since we no longer receive any dockets from the court.
- If you hear of anyone being detained at a detention facility other than Freeborn, Kandiyohi or Sherburne County Jail
- If any cases on the docket are people who were recently transferred out of MN or into MN from another state. We want to know where they were transferred to or from and whether or not their case was heard and if there was any discussion of or motion to change venue.
- Any bond hearings conducted, include A#, and whether bond hearing was continued, bond was granted or denied. If granted, email bond amount and whether or not respondent had an attorney, include attorney name if possible.. These will be referred to the bond fund.
- Any case affected by the Laken Riley Act, requiring mandatory detention. Please let Amy know if the respondent has a conviction or only an arrest/pending charges, and whether there was any mention of the act applying retroactively or not.

For either detained or non-detained cases:

- Any mention or motion to terminate or dismiss a case in order to put someone into expedited removal proceedings.
- Anyone gets voluntary departure, include whether any arrests or convictions are mentioned, and whether or not DHS reserved appeal, objected, or were asked for an opinion prior to the judge ruling.
- New DHS attorneys- provide name. DHS attorneys from other courts covering cases at Fort Snelling.
- Any new policies, procedures, or rules noted, whether in detained or non-detained hearings

- Raids/ collateral arrests. For example: "Judge also commented that the respondent had been picked up as part of a 1/26/25 "enforcement operation." or "they were looking for someone else, but arrested this person too".
- Immigration enforcement operations (arrests) at sensitive locations: schools, hospitals, public protests/rallies/parades, or houses of worship (church, mosque, synagogue etc.)
- Anyone with a pending U-visa or T-visa that is in removal proceedings; this means someone who has already filed it with USCIS. If possible note if the case had been previously administrative closed- if not admin closure previously.
- Anyone whose case was previously terminated/ dismissed based on prosecutorial discretion and the case has been reopened/ the respondent is back in removal proceedings.
- Especially vulnerable people to be referred for attorney screening or representation. Capacity is limited so use discretion. Possible examples:
 - detained people who speak rare languages who are given one last chance to file an application or it will be deemed abandoned, but they have no one to assist them in their language,
 - people who have suffered abuse while in the US
 - people who are suffering from mental health problems
 - Other people you seem especially vulnerable

Details needed

For non-detained hearings, you will need to capture as much of an A# as possible and then consult the docket to get the full name and A#. For detained cases, the A# should suffice as The Advocates usually gets the redacted docket and will have a name and country code

If it involves a respondent, please provide date of hearing, shift time, Judge, A#, country/country code, language, detention facility if detained, date of next hearing, and any other relevant details.