

REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR U.A.C.'s

Removal Proceedings Essential Steps



DHS Counsel files Notice to Appear with the Immigration Court to start removal proceedings

Initial Master Calendar (Status) Hearing : if UAC represented, address pleadings and explain relief from removal to judge

Possibly: additional Master Calendar hearings to check on UAC efforts to secure counsel, file applications for protection from deportation

As needed: Motion to Change Venue and Change of Address request

Once applications filed with USCIS: Motion for Status Docket placement/continuance for USCIS to complete adjudication of applications they are reviewing

Final Hearing on Asylum/ Adjustment of Status/other relief or Motion to Terminate removal proceedings if asylum/other relief granted by USCIS

T.V.P.R.A. Asylum Application Essential Steps



Filing of Initial Application with USCIS' Nebraska Service Center

Chicago Asylum Office receives file from Nebraska Service Center and issues receipt notice to applicant

Chicago Asylum Office schedules biometrics (fingerprinting) appointment

Chicago Asylum Office schedules asylum interview

UAC attends asylum interview with counsel and interpreter (*UAC must bring their own interpreter*)

UAC waits for a written decision on their case from the asylum office

If UAC granted asylum by the Chicago Asylum Office > Motion to Terminate removal proceedings

If UAC case referred to the Immigration Court, UAC appears in a Master Calendar (Status) Hearing where they will be scheduled for Individual Hearing on asylum application before the Immigration Court

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Essential Steps



UAC or their parent/ proposed guardian seeks custody/dependency Order + SIJS findings from state juvenile court

UAC files Special Immigrant Juvenile Status self-petition with USCIS

UAC receives receipt from USCIS

UAC receives SIJS approval from USCIS possibly following an RFE or NOID

UAC applies for adjustment of status (either before USCIS or immigration court) once priority date is current

DHS: Department of Homeland Security
EOIR: Executive Office for Immigration Review
NTA: Notice To Appear
RFE: Request For Evidence
UAC/UC: Unaccompanied (Alien) Child
USCIS: US Citizenship and Immigration Services