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The Model Hearing Program (MHP) is an educational program with the goals of improving the quality of advocacy before the immigration courts and increasing levels of pro bono representation for noncitizens in proceedings before EOIR. EOIR hosts these programs on an occasional basis, and welcomes the opportunity to work with non-Governmental organizations that host programs that can benefit from the Agency's programming.

The program provides substantive and practical immigration court training and is designed for Government attorneys, private attorneys (especially those interested in representing noncitizens on a pro bono basis), potential or newly accredited representatives, law students, and law school graduates with little or no experience representing noncitizens in immigration proceedings before EOIR. The MHP consists of three initiatives: (1) live model hearing (MH) events (including substantive law training, an overview of immigration court procedure, a model initial master calendar hearing, and a model individual merits hearing); (2) recorded MHs and substantive law seminars available on-demand; and (3) pro bono resources available through the <a href="Immigration Court Online Resource (ICOR)">Immigration Court Online Resource (ICOR)</a>.

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