

STOPLIGHT TOOL for Healthy Immigration Adjudication Ecosystems

How to Use Using information from the data set, complete this tool. If any item in the box is **true**, use that higher number.

Immigration Judges A	Due Process B	Adjudication outcomes C	Lawyer Skill D	Lawyer Advocacy E	Lawyer Representation F	Enforcement practices G	Detention Practices H	Prosecution practices I
Immigration judges are faithful to rule of law principles, display a fair temperament, and adjudicate without bias	Court practices & procedures encourage fair merits adjudications; rules are transparent, lawful, and facilitate merits adjudications in a reasonable time	Court outcomes are substantively correct, well reasoned, and timely issued	Lawyers are knowledgeable, highly skilled, and competent	Lawyers engage in robust and zealous advocacy	Lawyers are actively engaged in all stages and spheres of representation; there is an active private bar, NGO bar, and pro bono bar	DHS displays appropriate and unbiased discretion in enforcement practices with a view toward achieve a functioning immigration system; enforcement is conducted within lawful bounds	Only objectively dangerous individuals are confined; confinement is safe, sanitary, and never indefinite or prolonged and does not meaningfully interfere with a fair merits adjudication	Prosecution choices & practices are reasonable, demonstrate fairness, facilitate justice, and do not hinder fair merits adjudications
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SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1	SCORE 1
Immigration judges disregard rule of law principles, routinely display bias and injudicious temperament	Court practices & procedures discourage fair merits adjudications; there are serious, significant, and durable barriers, rules are opaque and arbitrary	Court outcomes demonstrate serious substantive deficiencies, lack independent & adequate reasoning and are untimely	Lawyers lack fundamental substantive knowledge, fail to display grasp of basic & core lawyer skills, and are routinely cited as incompetent	Lawyers do not engaged in robust and zealous advocacy	Few lawyers engage in representation or representation is severely limited, there is no detained representation, there is little or no private, NGO, or pro bono capacity.	Discretion is lacking in enforcement decisions; agents disregard constitutional and statutory limitations and actions frequently exceed lawful bounds	Detention is excessive; individuals who are not dangerous or flight risks are routinely subjected to detention; detention is frequently prolonged; conditions are unsafe, unsanitary, and undignified	Prosecution choices & practices are unreasonable, are not centered on justice norms and hinder fair merits adjudications
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DATA SET

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