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EOIR Announces New Format for BIA Unpublished Decisions

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announces that effective today, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) will begin transitioning to a new format for unpublished decisions. The new format is similar to that used for federal court decisions and makes it easier to locate pertinent information.

Unpublished decisions in the new format will no longer include a signature line or “wet” signature; however, each decision’s author will be clearly identified. Moreover, if multiple Appellate Immigration Judges took part in an opinion’s final vote, all their names will be identified in the decision. The BIA will continue to send transmittal letters (cover pages) to the parties of the case along with the unpublished decision.

Some unpublished decisions released after Aug. 9 may not be in the new format if they were drafted before that date. Decisions falling into this category remain valid, however, even after the formatting changes go into effect.

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