Subject: DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2026-27108
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Re: 2026-27108

Dear American Oversight,

This correspondence is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received February 24, 2026, to the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in which you seek
1. Records sufficient to identify the number of military lawyers and/or judge advocate generals (JAGs) serving as immigration judges, either permanently or on temporary reassignment.
2. For all military lawyers and/or JAGs identified above in part 1, records sufficient to identify the length of their service as an immigration judge. For parts 1-2, please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.
3. Records reflecting all training materials given to military lawyers and/or JAGs serving as immigration judges. Responsive records may include, but should not be limited to, PowerPoint slides, informational handouts, summary documents, handwritten or typed notes, training videos, or any other records used in trainings. For part 3, please provide all responsive records created, issued, or in effect from January 20, 2025, through the date the search is conducted (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/20/2025 To 2/24/2026).

A search was conducted for item 1 and 2; however, no records responsive to your request were located. Accordingly, item 1 and 2 of your request have been administratively closed.

For item 3 of your request, each year we have four sessions of trainings for new Immigration Judges. If we process training materials for each session this would require EOIR to process hundreds of pages that could take over a year to process. The differences in the materials are not significant. Sometimes a typo and of no significant relevance. Please let me know if you would narrow the scope of your request to only the training slides for the last session for year 2025. This will significantly reduce the processing time.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. *See* **http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2012foiapost9.html**.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the EOIR FOIA Public Liaison at **EOIR.FOIArequests@usdoj.gov**. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives

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and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Executive Office for Immigration Review's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website **https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal**. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the correspondence and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Sincerely,

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