

THE REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS TIMELINE

Here is a basic picture of the Immigration Court Removal Hearing process, showing how a case moves through the system. Every case has different issues and will follow a slightly different pattern of hearings, continuances, motions and briefings, but this framework will help clients understand the process as it moves forward.

Typically, DHS initiates action with an arrest of a foreign national they suspect of being in the country without authority, who has committed an offense, or following the denial of an application or petition. Once you have been given a “Notice to Appear” you must show up in Immigration Court as directed, or be ordered deported in your absence. We strongly recommend that any foreign national who receives a Notice to Appear call a qualified Immigration Lawyer immediately.

