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### **EOIR Extends Effective Date of the Immigration Court Practice Manual**

#### *The "Immigration Court Practice Manual" Is Effective on July 1, 2008*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced today that it has extended the effective date of the "Immigration Court Practice Manual" to July 1, 2008, in response to requests from members of the bar. The new date provides an additional 3 months for interested parties to become familiar with the Practice Manual.

The Practice Manual was published on February 28, 2008, and provides uniform procedures, recommendations, and requirements for persons who present cases before the immigration courts. When the Practice Manual goes into effect on July 1, 2008, local operating procedures for immigration courts will no longer be used.

The Immigration Court Practice Manual is currently available on EOIR's website at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/>. EOIR will continue to update the manual online, as needed, to reflect legal and policy changes, as well as responses to comments from users.

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