
TODAY, 9/21: Watch LIVE via C-SPAN 2 Immigration Judge Ashley Tabaddor, Pres of Natl. Assn of Immigration Judges, address challenges to courts and judges — Natl. Press Club news conference

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President of Immigration Judges' association on challenges facing immigration courts

WASHINGTON -- Ashley Tabaddor, a federal Immigration Judge in Los Angeles who serves as the President of the National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ), will discuss pressures on judges and the federal immigration court system at the National Press Club on Friday, September 21.

Who: Ashley Tabaddor, president, National Association of Immigration Judges

What: Headliners news conference on pressures facing Immigration Judges

When: Friday, September 21, 1 p.m. ET

Where: National Press Club, [529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor](#) – Bloomberg Room

Last month, NAIJ filed a formal grievance against the Department of Justice claiming interference with the judicial independence of Immigration Judges and the due process rights of the parties before the court. Recently, managers who oversee the immigration courts removed 87 cases from the docket of a judge in Philadelphia who questioned the sufficiency of notice given in hearings involving juveniles.

Additionally, Tabaddor will discuss DOJ's unprecedented step to impose case completion quotas and deadlines on Immigration Judges, as well as the challenges facing a court with a backlog of more than 740,000 cases. Beginning Oct. 1, judges are expected to hear a quota of 700 cases per year or else get fired.

Federal Immigration Judges are generally barred from speaking out on issues that affect their courts. She will be speaking in her capacity as the president of the NAIJ, which is an affiliate of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE).

The National Association of Immigration Judges (NAIJ), founded in 1971, is a voluntary organization formed with the objectives of promoting independence and enhancing the professionalism, dignity, and efficiency of the Immigration Court.

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