

## **NOTICE REGARDING PAROLE APPLICATIONS**

On September 5, 2019, a Federal District Court ruled that the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), through its Immigration and Customs Enforcement New Orleans Regional Field Office (“NOLA ICE”), must comply with the 2009 Parole Directive (ICE Directive 11002.1, Parole of Arriving Aliens Found to Have a Credible Fear of Persecution or Torture). This means that DHS and NOLA ICE must ensure that all persons who are subject to that directive, who were denied parole prior to September 5, 2019, and are seeking parole, are processed consistent with the following procedures:

1. An opportunity to submit a parole request.
2. A Parole Advisal will serve as written notification that ICE will evaluate their eligibility for parole under the 2009 Parole Directive, with the contents of such notice explained in a language that they understand, if the person is limited English proficient.
3. An individualized assessment of their parole request, including:
  - a. a reasonable opportunity to submit documentation in support of their parole request;
  - b. an interview with a Deportation Officer regarding their parole request; and
  - c. if the parole request is denied, notice of the decision, including a brief explanation of the reasons(s) for the denial.

The 2009 Parole Directive only applies to persons who are considered arriving aliens, e.g. persons who were inspected and identified as seeking admission at a U.S. port of entry such as an airport, sea port, official port at the border, **and** who were found to have established a credible fear of persecution or torture.

Persons who are eligible to request parole must submit their completed request to their assigned Deportation Officer through the communication procedures established at their detention facility. Persons submitting parole requests will receive an acknowledgment of receipt from a Deportation Officer in the form of a parole advisal.

Representatives from the SPLC and the ACLU of Louisiana seek to monitor whether those who are eligible to request parole have notice and an understanding of the parole process. In order to do so, these organizations may be conducting informational sessions at selected detention facilities.

Should you need additional information about the September 5 Court Order or the parole process, please contact:

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