



Removal Defense

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Checklist for Documenting Positive Equities in a Bond Case

Presenting a well-documented Page 414 case is important to allow the Immigration Judge to understand and adjudicate the positive equities in the case. Helpful bond documentation includes:

- ☐ Letters from family members, including evidence of their USC or LPR status
- ☐ Birth certificates or marriage certificates evidencing the respondent's family ties
- ☐ Eligibility for relief
- ☐ Documentation that the respondent's family is suffering as a result of their detention. This could include mental health or school counseling records of family
- ☐ Letters from community members and organizations, such as churches and service organizations
- ☐ Letters of recommendation from current and past employers
- ☐ Certificates of completion of any rehabilitative programs such as substance abuse classes, or any court-ordered programs, such as community service
- ☐ Documentation of good behavior, work record, and program and counseling participation while incarcerated, if applicable
- ☐ Proof of payment of taxes and child support
- ☐ Proof of work history
- ☐ School records or transcripts
- ☐ A showing of financial difficulties
- ☐ Photos of the respondent with his or her family
- ☐ Any other evidence showing that the applicant is deserving of a favorable exercise of discretion