

ABA Calls for Congress to Create Independent Immigration Court

On February 8, the American Bar Association called on Congress to create a new independent court for immigration cases. Immigration courts, which are within the Department of Justice branch, are overloaded with immigration cases due to the crackdown on illegal immigrants. Of the 378,582 immigrants detained by Homeland Security in 2008, more than 358,000 were deported. Although immigration judges are performing their work rather quickly, their backlogs are growing and this is leaving immigrants stranded in costly detention centers throughout the country. The American Immigration Lawyers Association said that it would review the American Bar Association's proposal and recognized that the courts are in need of more resources immediately.

For more details, please see: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/09/us/09immig.html>