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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Immigration Judges

FROM: William R. Robie *WRR*  
Chief Immigration Judge

SUBJECT: Operating Policies and Procedures Memorandum  
86-7: Attorney/Accredited Representative  
Disciplinary Actions

During the past several years and with increasing frequency during the past several months, many of you have experienced actions on the part of attorneys or accredited representatives appearing before you that have caused you to feel that disciplinary action against that individual might be appropriate.

I continue to be very supportive of efforts to assure that attorneys and accredited representatives representing all parties in our courtrooms must be professionally responsible to their clients, other parties, and Immigration Judges. We have been considerably more successful in these efforts in the last few years than in the past and hope to be even more successful once new disciplinary regulations are approved by the Attorney General. Nevertheless, it is important that we have a coordinated and consistent policy nationwide on disciplinary matters.

Therefore, you must consult with your Assistant Chief Immigration Judge and me before you take any action with regard to disciplining or referring for disciplinary action an attorney or accredited representative who appears before you. We will provide you with advice and/or instructions on how to proceed after we have reviewed the matter with you. Please be particularly aware that, however egregious you feel the conduct may be, unfortunately you have no authority to refuse to recognize or bar from your courtroom an attorney or accredited representative who currently meets the regulatory requirements for practice before us.

cc: All Management Officers