

Letters to the Editor
The New York Times
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Dear Editor:

Regarding your July 11 story, "Immigration Judges Found Under Strain," we fully recognize that adjudicating immigration cases is a difficult job; and we take the concerns about judicial stress seriously.

We constantly examine our resource needs, including the number and assignment of judges, to ensure that we can address the volume of cases fairly and promptly. For example, hiring is ongoing for 20 new immigration judges. For Fiscal Year 2010, we have requested 28 additional immigration judge positions along with a commensurate number of law clerks and support staff.

Moreover, we continue to work diligently to address our judges' professional concerns through training and mentoring. Training on judicial wellness and stress management is an important part of our upcoming August 2009 annual training conference for immigration judges and Board of Immigration Appeals members.

Sincerely,

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