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FBA CALLS FOR CREATION OF A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COURT

The Federal Bar Association (FBA) has called upon Congress to create a specialized federal court for the adjudication of immigration claims under the Immigration and Naturalization Act. The call for establishment of an Article I immigration court occurred during the FBA Board of Directors' recent adoption of the Association's 2013-2014 Issues Agenda.

As proposed by the FBA's Section on Immigration Law, a new specialized court, established by Congress under Article I of the Constitution, would grow out of the transfer of the adjudicatory responsibilities currently performed by the Executive Office of Immigration Review in the Department of Justice.

"The Federal Bar Association believes that greater judicial independence, cost-savings and speed in deciding immigration claims would result from the creation of an Article I immigration court," FBA Executive Director Karen Silberman said.

The Federal Bar Association is the largest national association of lawyers and judges who practice and serve within the nation's federal courts. Founded in 1920, the Association is dedicated to the advancement of federal jurisprudence and to promoting the welfare, interests, education, and professional development of all attorneys involved in federal law. Its members run the gamut of federal practice: attorneys practicing in small to large legal firms, attorneys in corporations and federal agencies, and members of the judiciary. The FBA is the catalyst for communication between the bar and the bench, as well as the private and public sectors.

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