

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

IMMIGRATION HABEAS PETITIONS
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

STANDING ORDER 1.74

This Order is adopted to set a scheduling procedure specifically for petitions for writs of habeas corpus filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 by persons in immigration detention.

The Court hereby orders:

1. **General Objectives.** It is the intent of the Court to facilitate the prompt adjudication of § 2241 immigration habeas petitions. To meet this goal, the Court will assign such petitions to district judges and magistrate judges in all divisions pursuant to Standing Order 1.61.
2. **Service and Scheduling.** Upon the filing of a § 2241 immigration habeas petition and upon initial screening, the Court will issue an order setting deadlines for the filing of an answer, motion, or other response by the respondent(s) and the filing of a reply by the petitioner. Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254

Cases in the United States District Courts, the aforementioned order will direct the Clerk of Court to serve a copy of the petition and order on respondents. Federal respondents will be served by email at the email address designated by the United States Attorney. The warden of the facility where the petitioner is detained will be served by first-class mail. The Clerk of Court is hereby excused from issuing summonses as provided by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 since service will be directed by the aforementioned order as prescribed by Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 81(a)(4)(A).

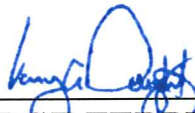
3. **Paper Filings.** A *pro se* petitioner filing a hard copy petition will be sent a hard copy of the aforementioned order. The order will direct service on respondent(s) as set forth in Paragraph 2.
4. **Temporary Restraining Orders.** The standard scheduling order is intended to provide a prompt resolution to habeas petitions that should reduce the contemporaneous filing of motions for temporary restraining orders seeking release from custody or the relief that is otherwise requested by the habeas petition. Motions for temporary

restraining orders should be reserved for matters where the petitioner alleges imminent, irreparable harm, such as imminent removal from the United States. All motions for temporary restraining orders must meet the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 and Local Rule 65.1.

5. **Future Modification.** The Court reserves the right to modify this Order or to rescind the Order entirely as the Court deems appropriate. This Order is effective immediately and remains in force until modified or rescinded.

6. **Dissemination of Order.** The Clerk of Court is directed to post a copy of this Order on the Court's website and issue a copy of this Order in the docket in CM/ECF of all § 2241 immigration habeas cases immediately upon opening.

Monroe, Louisiana, on this the 5th day of July 2026.



CHIEF JUDGE TERRY A. DOUGHTY