# Immigration and Federal Court Litigation When and How

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#### What Tools Do You Need to Start

- Desire (and it Helps to be Ticked Off)
- Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure
- 8 C.F.R. 3.1 et. seq.
- Local Rules of Procedure
- AILA Litigation Toolbox
- <u>https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/litigation</u>
- AILA Mentor Directory
- AILA's new Litigation Listserve

### **Laying the Litigation Foundation**

#### Using an Expert in the Initial Filing

- ♦ H-1B
- Consular cases
- Naturalization
- Adjustment
- Use at AAO and RFE stage if you are new to the case, BUT ....

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## 10 Rules for an Effective Litigation Foundation

- 1. Be realistic with your client.
- 2. Cases are won and lost on the evidence.
- 3. Know the USCIS policy.
- 4. Satisfy the statutory and regulatory requirements.
- 5. Argue regulatory due process violations and substantive legal errors.





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