

**OPLA Boston Standard Operating Procedures Implementing Principal Legal Advisor Trasviña's *Interim Guidance to OPLA Attorneys Regarding Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Policies and Priorities* (December 8, 2021)**

This memorandum outlines OPLA Boston's standard operating procedures implementing Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas's memorandum entitled, *Guidelines for the Enforcement of Civil Immigration Law* (Mayorkas Memorandum), dated September 30, 2021. As of November 29, 2021, the Mayorkas Memorandum rescinded the memorandum issued by then-Acting Secretary Pekoske, *Interim Revision to Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Policies and Priorities*, dated January 20, 2021, and the memorandum issued by ICE Acting Director Johnson, *Interim Guidance: Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Priorities*, dated February 18, 2021. While these memoranda have been superseded, Principal Legal Advisor Doyle instructed that Principal Legal Advisor Trasviña's memorandum entitled, *Interim Guidance to OPLA Attorneys Regarding Civil Immigration Enforcement and Removal Policies and Priorities* (Trasviña Memorandum), dated May 27, 2021, remains in effect to the extent that it does not conflict with the Mayorkas Memorandum.<sup>1</sup>

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### III. PD Requests Not Requiring Supervisory Approval

#### a. Administrative Closure

On July 15, 2021, *Matter of Cruz-Valdez*, 28 I&N Dec. 326 (A.G. 2021), vacated then-AG Sessions' decision in *Matter of Castro-Tum*, 27 I&N Dec. 271 (A.G. 2018), and directed immigration judges and the Board to apply the framework for administrative closure prior to *Castro-Tum*, set forth in *Matter of Avetisyan*, 25 I&N Dec. 688 (BIA 2012), and *Matter of W-Y-U-*, 27 I&N Dec. 17 (BIA 2017).

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