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## High-Stakes Asylum: How Long an Asylum Case Takes and How We Can Do Better

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### Background

AILA released a first-of-its-kind report on asylum timelines, [High-Stakes Asylum: How Long an Asylum Case Takes and How We Can Do Better](https://www.aila.org/highstakesasylum). The report is based on a survey of over 300 asylum attorneys about how much time it takes to prepare an asylum application, and what complications add significant time. High-Stakes Asylum also includes recommendations on how to inject efficiency into the existing asylum process and ensure the integrity of a system that has life and death consequences.

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- Expanding legal representation
- Reducing government inefficiencies
- Reducing immigrant detention

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	<p>The #HighStakesAsylum report was born out of responses and data collected from 300+ #asylum practitioners. LEARN more from @GregChenAILA and @argrenier about the basis of the report and recommendations to improve the U.S. asylum system: <a href="https://youtu.be/2qLqu_ef_FY">https://youtu.be/2qLqu_ef_FY</a></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO TWEET SAMPLE 4</a></p>
<p><i>“The hardest part is the time, and the details required to demonstrate to the U.S. you are worthy of being allowed to remain here.”</i></p> <p>— LARA GREEN CARD RECIPIENT BASED ON AN ASYLUM GRANT</p> <p>#HIGHSTAKESASYLUM</p>  <p><a href="#">Download graphics here</a></p>	<p>An effective #asylum case can require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 18 hours to request records from a country</li> <li>● 9 hours to translate supporting documents</li> <li>● 24 hours for a mental health professional to work with a client</li> </ul> <p>READ more in the #HighStakesAsylum report: <a href="https://www.aila.org/highstakesasylum">https://www.aila.org/highstakesasylum</a></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO TWEET SAMPLE 5</a></p>

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GREEN CARD RECIPIENT BASED ON AN ASYLUM GRANT

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