

Additional Reforms:

1. We need tech tools which improve efficiency in case adjudication. CPMS is simply a tracking tool which does not assist judges.
 - We need: immediate access (Google-esque) to rulings/regs/listings/grids/hallex.
 - DragonMedical software to dictate instructions.
 - WINDOWS training for helpful tools such as “word search.”
 - software which will pull files and exhibit them in chronological order and remove duplicates.
 - software which will block PII transmissions outside of the SSA firewall.
2. Use the Insight Tool at the Hearing Level and eliminate the Appeals Council. Our decisions could be appealed directly to Federal Court.
3. Eliminate ODAR Regional Offices and deploy the staff to do program work in the hearing offices.
4. Don't put obstacles in the way of getting work done. Work at home by exception for those on sick leave or who need a reasonable accommodation should be readily available, rather than management acting that this is accommodating the judge. It is actually accommodating the Agency and, more importantly, the public.
5. We are costing out the proposal for the elimination of the Regional Offices. I hope to have something concrete soon to present.