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U.S. Citizenship  
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Services

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FILE: SRC 03 257 51712 Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER Date: 7/10/04

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

*[Handwritten signature: Robert P. Wiemann]*

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

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**DISCUSSION:** The service center director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The petitioner is a foreign legal consultant company that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a foreign legal consultant. The petitioner endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b). The director denied the petition on the basis that the proffered position did not meet the definition of a specialty occupation.

The beneficiary, not an authorized representative of the petitioner, signed the Forms G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative that are in the record. There is no Form G-28 indicating that this attorney represents the petitioner. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) regulations specifically state that a beneficiary of a visa petition is not a recognized party in a proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(3). As the beneficiary is not an affected party, counsel is not authorized to file an appeal. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). Accordingly, the AAO will reject the appeal without refund of the filing fee pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1).

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.