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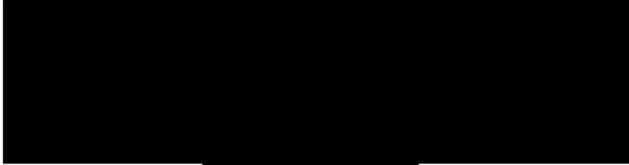
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FILE: [REDACTED]  
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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: SEP 08 2006

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 210 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1160

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the service center that processed your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status as a special agricultural worker was denied by the Director, Southern Service Center. The matter was remanded by the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), and denied again by the Director, California Service Center. The matter is now before the AAO on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.<sup>1</sup>

The Director, California Service Center finally denied the application because the applicant failed to appear for fingerprinting. The record does not contain a response to the final notice.

On March 21, 2001, the case was remanded for the introduction of any additional adverse evidence. On October 25, 2004, the applicant was requested to appear at the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) office in Charleston, South Carolina on December 14, 2004, to be fingerprinted. The applicant failed to appear. On May 22, 2006, the director denied the application because the applicant failed to appear for the required fingerprinting.

As of March 29, 1998, applicants for Temporary Resident Status as a Special Agricultural Worker are required to be fingerprinted at a CIS Application Support Center or approved Designated Law Enforcement Agency.

Declarations by an applicant that he has not had a criminal record are subject to verification of facts by the Service. The applicant must agree to fully cooperate in the verification process. 8 C.F.R. § 210.3(b)(3) states all evidence regarding admissibility and eligibility submitted by an applicant for adjustment of status will be subject to verification by the Service. Failure by an applicant to release information may result in the denial of the benefit sought. Additionally, 8 C.F.R. § 210.3(c) states in part: "A complete application for adjustment of status must be accompanied by proof of identity, evidence of qualifying employment, evidence of residence, and such evidence of admissibility or eligibility as may be required by the examining immigration officer in accordance with such requirements specified in this part."

The applicant failed to appear as required for fingerprinting. Consequently, the applicant has not met the required burden of proof establishing admissibility or eligibility for temporary resident status as a Special Agricultural Worker.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.

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<sup>1</sup> 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(3) specifies that a petitioner may be represented "by an attorney in the United States, as defined in § 292.1(a)(6) of this chapter, or by an accredited representative as defined in § 292.1(a)(4) of this chapter." The term attorney means any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state and is not under any order of any court suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbaring, or otherwise restricting him in the practice of law. 8 C.F.R. § 1.1(f). In this case, the person listed on the G-28 is no longer an active member of the South Carolina State bar. Therefore, the AAO may not recognize counsel in this proceeding.