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FILE: [Redacted] Office: DALLAS
MSC 02 137 63397

Date: MAY 23 2006

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: 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.

S Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Dallas, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant had failed to establish that he satisfied the “basic citizenship skills” required under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii) states, in pertinent part:

(B) *Meaning of affected party.* For purposes of this section and §§ 103.4 and 103.5 of this part, *affected party* (in addition to the Service) means the person or entity with legal standing in a proceeding. It does not include the beneficiary of a visa petition.

Although the record contains a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, authorizing [REDACTED] of Servicios Migratorios [REDACTED] to act on behalf of the applicant, neither Ms. [REDACTED] nor the Servicios Migratorio [REDACTED] are recognized as authorized or accredited representatives pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.1(a).¹

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1) provides, in part, that “[e]very application, petition, appeal, motion, request ... shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions ... being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission.” The instructions at item six on the appeal Form I-290B specifically require a signature of this form when the decision is appealed.

The Form I-290B was not signed by the applicant. Therefore, the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ See <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/statspub/raroster.htm> for the list of accredited organizations and representatives.