

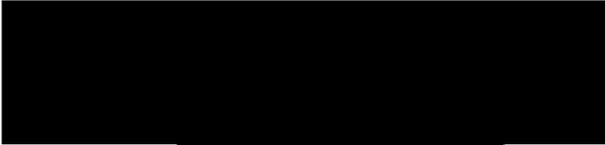


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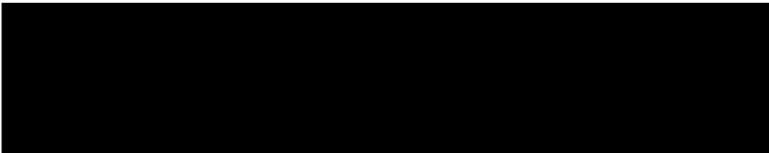
Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: MAR 22 2007

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:



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

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, Los Angeles, California, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director concluded that the applicant had exceeded the forty-five (45) day limit for a single absence, as well as the aggregate limit of one hundred and eighty (180) days for total absences from the United States. Accordingly, the director denied the application.

An affected party filing from within the United States has 30 days from the date of an adverse decision to file an appeal. An appeal received after the 30-day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Decision is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1)

The record reflects that the director sent her decision of December 23, 2004 to the applicant and to counsel at their addresses of record. The appeal was received by Citizenship and Immigration Services on January 26, 2005, 34 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.