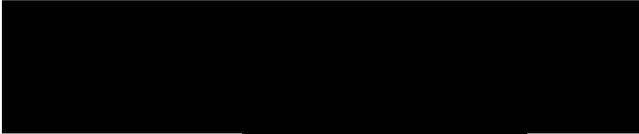


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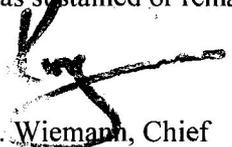
Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), *amended by* LIFE Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. If your appeal was dismissed or rejected, all documents have been returned to the National Benefits Center. 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. If your appeal was sustained or remanded for further action, you will be contacted.


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, New York, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant failed to demonstrate that she entered the United States before January 1, 1982, and resided in a continuous unlawful status through May 4, 1988.

An applicant affected by an adverse decision is entitled to file an appeal on Form I-290B. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2). The applicant may be represented by an attorney or representative in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 292. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). The person acting in a representative capacity must be "authorized and qualified to represent," and a notice of appearance must be signed by the applicant to authorize representation in order for the appearance to be recognized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). 8 C.F.R. § 292.4.

In this case the Form I-290B is not signed by the applicant, but rather by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], as a representative on behalf of the applicant. Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] are authorized representatives. As the appeal has not been signed and filed by the applicant or by any authorized representative, the appeal is deficient and has not been properly filed. The appeal, therefore, must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.