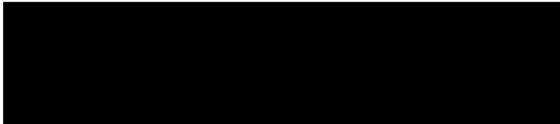


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FILE: [REDACTED]
MSC 02 013 60999

Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: **JAN 25 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: 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.


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 (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant had not demonstrated that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status since before January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) provides, in part, that “[a] notice of appearance entered in application or petition proceedings must be signed by the applicant to authorize representation in order for the appearance to be recognized by the Service.”

In the instant case, the record contains a Form G-28, Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative listing [REDACTED] as counsel for the applicant. The Form G-28, however, was not signed the [REDACTED]

Accordingly, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a), the AAO sought to clarify whether [REDACTED] is authorized to represent the applicant in this proceeding. On November 8, 2006, the AAO telephoned [REDACTED] office requesting that a properly executed Form G-28 be submitted. To date, however, a properly executed Form G-28 has not been submitted to the AAO. Accordingly, there is no evidence that [REDACTED] authorized to represent the applicant in this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B).

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.