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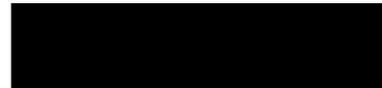
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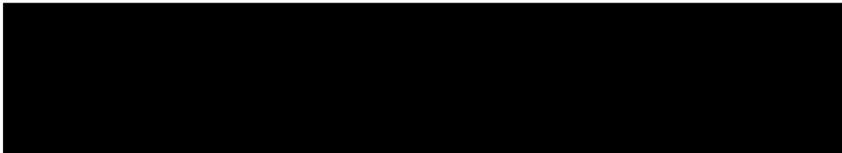


IN RE:



PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as an Alien of Extraordinary Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(1)(A)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the AAO inappropriately applied the law in reaching its decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen with the field office or service center that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. The specific requirements for filing such a motion can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires any motion to be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, on March 23, 2011, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner seeks classification as an employment-based immigrant pursuant to section 203(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(1)(A), as an alien of extraordinary ability in the sciences as a “Cardiology Fellow.” Congress set a very high benchmark for aliens of extraordinary ability by requiring through the statute that the petitioner demonstrate “sustained national or international acclaim” and present “extensive documentation” of his or her achievements. *See* section 203(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3). The implementing regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3) states that an alien can establish sustained national or international acclaim through evidence of a one-time achievement, specifically a major, internationally recognized award. Absent the receipt of such an award, the regulation outlines ten categories of specific evidence. 8 C.F.R. §§ 204.5(h)(3)(i) through (x). The petitioner must submit qualifying evidence under at least three of the ten regulatory categories of evidence to establish the basic eligibility requirements.

In the director’s decision, the director determined that the petitioner failed to establish eligibility for the awards criterion pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(i), the associations criterion pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(ii), the judging criterion pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(iv), the original contributions criterion pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(v), and the leading or critical role criterion pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(viii). The director did find that the petitioner satisfied the authorship of scholarly articles criterion at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3)(vi). Finally, the director conducted a final merits determination in accordance with *Kazarian v. USCIS*, 596 F.3d 1115 (9th Cir. 2010) and determined that the petitioner failed to demonstrate “a level of expertise indicating that you are one of that small percentage who has risen to the top of their field of endeavor,” 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(2) and the petitioner’s contributions are not “consistent with sustained national or international acclaim.” *See* section 203(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3).

On appeal, counsel claimed in part 3 on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion:

The record reflects through [REDACTED] leading roles at prominent medical institutions along with his history of original and pioneering publications and significant contributions in the field of cardiology that [REDACTED] has demonstrated that he satisfied at least three of the enumerated criteria and that he has received national and international acclaim.

In a one page letter, counsel also references the petitioner’s “memberships” and experience “judging the work of others.” A passing reference without substantive arguments is insufficient to raise that ground on appeal. *Desravines v. United States Attorney Gen.*, No. 08-14861, 343 F. App’x 433, 435 (11th Cir. 2009). Counsel does not specifically challenge any of the director’s findings or point to specific errors in the director’s analyses of the documentary evidence submitted for the categories of evidence at 8 C.F.R. § 204.5(h)(3). The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) provides that “[a]n

officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.” In this matter, counsel has not identified an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact in the director’s decision as a proper basis for the appeal. Counsel’s appellate submission offers only a general statement asserting that the petitioner qualifies as an alien of extraordinary ability. Counsel offers no argument that demonstrates error on the part of the director based upon the record that was before her.

As counsel did not contest any of the specific findings of the director and offers no substantive basis for the filing of the appeal, the regulations mandate the summary dismissal of the appeal.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.