

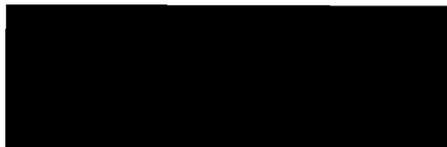
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Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER FILE: 

IN RE: Self-Petitioner: 

PETITION: Petition for Immigrant Abused Spouse Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

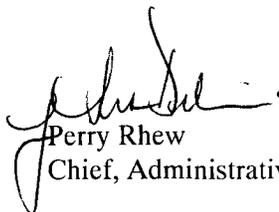


INSTRUCTIONS:

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 law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must 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 Vermont Service Center director denied the immigrant visa petition and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner seeks immigrant classification under section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii), as an alien battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by a United States citizen.

The director denied the petition for failure to establish that the petitioner married his former spouse in good faith and that his former spouse subjected him to battery or extreme cruelty.

On appeal, counsel stated that a brief and/or additional evidence would be submitted by June 9, 2011. To date, over six months later, the AAO has not received a brief or any additional evidence. On the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal, counsel briefly asserted that the evidence submitted below established the petitioner's eligibility.

An 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. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

Counsel fails to identify any specific, erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in the director's decision and has submitted no legal brief or further evidence.¹ Consequently, the appeal must be summarily dismissed.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not sustained that burden and the appeal will be summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.

¹ On the Form I-290B, counsel briefly asserted that the petitioner's vision deteriorated due to his former wife's abuse. Counsel submitted no evidence in these proceedings to support this assertion. The file contains copies of the petitioner's medical records from an eye hospital dated January 9, 2009, which counsel submitted to the Orlando Immigration Court in connection with the petitioner's removal proceedings. These records state that the petitioner was diagnosed with his vision condition at the age of [REDACTED]. The records contain no indication that the petitioner's condition was caused or exacerbated by any actions of his former wife.