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**U.S. Citizenship
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Date: **MAR 29 2012**

Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

File: [REDACTED]

IN RE: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Classification as a Victim of a Qualifying Crime Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry Rhew".

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center denied the Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-918 U petition) and it is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The petitioner seeks nonimmigrant classification under section 101(a)(15)(U)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(i), as an alien victim of certain qualifying criminal activity.

The director denied the petition because the petitioner did not submit the requisite Form I-918 Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification (Form I-918 Supplement B). The petition was denied accordingly. *See Director's Decision*, dated July 20, 2011. On August 22, 2011, submitted a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to appeal the director's adverse decision. did not attach a Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative, along with the Form I-290B.

On March 8, 2012, the AAO sent a facsimile to requesting that she submit a properly executed Form G-28 for the appeal within seven days. In response to the AAO's request, submitted a facsimile of the Form G-28 submitted with the Form I-918 U petition, dated July 16, 2010.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) states, in pertinent part:

Authority to appear and act. An appearance must be filed on the appropriate form as prescribed by DHS by the attorney or accredited representative appearing in each case. The form must be properly completed and signed by the petitioner, applicant, or respondent to authorize representation in order for the appearance to be recognized by DHS. The appearance will be recognized by the specific immigration component of DHS in which it was filed until the conclusion of the matter for which it was entered. *This does not change the requirement that a new form must be filed with an appeal filed with the Administrative Appeals Office of USCIS.* . . . (Emphasis added)

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(i) states that, if an appeal is submitted by an attorney or representative without a properly executed Form G-28 entitling that person to file the appeal, the appeal is considered improperly filed.¹ Here, while is a licensed attorney and she submitted a Form G-28 with the original Form I-918 U petition, she has failed to provide an executed Form G-28 authorizing her to represent the applicant on appeal; therefore, is not entitled to file an appeal on behalf of the applicant. Accordingly, as the appeal was improperly filed, it must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ The AAO also notes the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(iii), which provides that an appeal may be considered properly filed as of its original filing date only if the attorney or representative submits a properly executed Form G-28 entitling that person to file the appeal.