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DATE: **FEB 08 2012** Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER File:

IN RE: Petitioner:   
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

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 director, California Service Center, denied the nonimmigrant visa petition, and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed as the matter is now moot.

The petitioner claims to be a law firm that seeks to employ the beneficiary as a lawyer. The petitioner, therefore, endeavors to classify the beneficiary as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b).

The director denied the petition because the petitioner failed to establish that the beneficiary possesses the appropriate licensure as required by the proffered position, or has proven an exemption or exception from said requirement. On appeal, counsel for the petitioner submits a brief and additional evidence.

A review of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) records indicates that on December 13, 2010, a date subsequent to the denial of the instant petition, the petitioner submitted a new Form I-129 on the beneficiary's behalf. USCIS records further indicate that this second petition was approved on December 23, 2010, which granted the beneficiary H-1B status from December 22, 2010 until November 11, 2013. Because the beneficiary in the instant petition has been approved for H-1B employment with the petitioner based upon the filing of another petition, further pursuit of the matter at hand is moot.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed. The petition is denied.