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Date: **MAY 07 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:

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.

Thank you,

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The director of the 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 rejected as improperly filed.

The petitioner claims to be [REDACTED] with 70 employees. It seeks to employ the beneficiary as a Studio Management and Operations Specialist 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 on February 9, 2010 concluding that the petitioner did not comply with the requirement for a Labor Condition Application certified by the Department of Labor on or before the date the instant petition was filed.

[REDACTED] a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, was filed by former counsel Ralph Ehrenpreis without a new Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative signed by the petitioner.

[REDACTED] the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) requires that a “new [Form G-28] must be filed with an appeal filed with the [AAO].” Title 8 C.F.R. § 292.4(a) further requires that the Form G-28 “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.”

[REDACTED] respectively, this office sent former counsel a fax notice requesting a new, properly executed Form G-28 personally signed by both counsel and by an authorized official of the petitioning entity.

The AAO received a response [REDACTED] In the response to the AAO’s notices, former counsel states that the petitioner declined to sign a new Form G-28, and advised that it no longer wishes to pursue this appeal.

Without a new, valid, and fully executed Form G-28, signed by an official of the petitioning entity, authorizing former counsel to represent the petitioner in the proceeding of the instant appeal, the AAO cannot consider him to be the petitioner’s attorney of record with regard to the appeal currently before it.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(2)(i) provides in pertinent part that: “If an appeal is filed by an attorney or representative without a properly executed Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative (Form G-28) entitling that person to file the appeal, the appeal is considered improperly filed.” In addition, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1) provides that: “An appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed.”

The instant appeal must be considered as filed by a person not entitled to file the appeal and, must be rejected as improperly filed.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.