

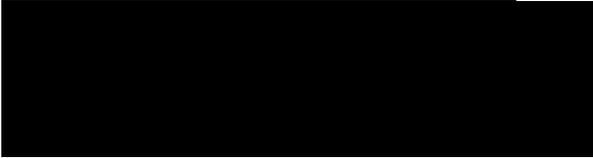


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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: MEXICO CITY (CIUDAD JUAREZ)
(CDJ 2004 745 655 relates)

Date: OCT 09 2009

IN RE: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility under Section 212(a)(9)(B)(v)
of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(v)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. Please refer to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 for the specific requirements. 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 \$585. Any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen, as required by 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The waiver application was denied by the District Director, Mexico City. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The record reflects that the applicant is a native and citizen of Mexico who was found to be inadmissible to the United States pursuant to section 212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(i)(II), for having been unlawfully present in the United States for more than one year. The applicant seeks a waiver of inadmissibility pursuant to section 212(a)(9)(B)(v) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(B)(v), in order to reside with his wife and child in the United States.

The district director found that the applicant failed to establish extreme hardship to his U.S. citizen spouse and denied the application accordingly. *Decision of the District Director*, dated October 28, 2006.

On appeal, counsel contends the district director never issued a notice of intent to deny and did not request additional evidence. According to counsel, additional evidence is available as the applicant's wife "is under a medical doctor[']s care for anxiety complexes and other medical conditions[, t]he applicant's spouse has lost her personal residence and has been required to move in with her child to relatives['] home." Counsel requested 45 days to submit a brief and/or evidence to the AAO. *Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) (Form I-290B)*, dated November 20, 2006. To date, nearly three years later, no brief or additional evidence has been received by the AAO.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(v) states in pertinent part:

Summary dismissal. 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.

The AAO finds that the applicant's appeal fails to specifically identify any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in the district director's decision. The AAO notes that there is no requirement that the district director issue a notice of intent to deny prior to denying a Form I-601 waiver application. *See* 8 C.F.R. §103.2(b)(8)(i). In addition, the AAO notes that the unsupported assertions of counsel do not constitute evidence. *Matter of Obaigbena*, 19 I&N Dec. 533, 534 (BIA 1988); *Matter of Laureano*, 19 I&N Dec. 1 (BIA 1983); *Matter of Ramirez-Sanchez*, 17 I&N Dec. 503, 506 (BIA 1980). Accordingly, the appeal is summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.