

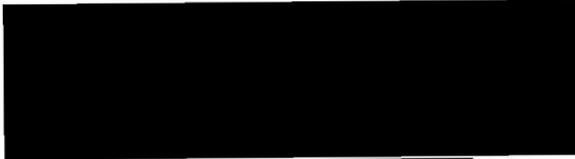


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Office: NEW YORK

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MSC-05-181-10686

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Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Resident Status under Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. If your appeal was dismissed or rejected, all documents have been returned to the National Benefits Center. You no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case. If your appeal was sustained or remanded for further action, you will be contacted.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004 (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements), was denied by the District Director, New York. The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director determined that the applicant had not established by a preponderance of the evidence that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status for the duration of the requisite period. The director denied the application, finding that the applicant had not met his burden of proof and was, therefore, not eligible to adjust to temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements.

On appeal, Rosebleg Diane submitted on behalf of the applicant a Form I-694, Notice of Appeal of Decision Under Section 210 or 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

An applicant for temporary resident status may appeal an adverse decision on a Form I-694. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(o). The applicant may be represented by an attorney or representative in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 292. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B). The person acting in a representative capacity must be “authorized and qualified to represent,” and a notice of appearance must be signed by the applicant to authorize representation in order for the appearance to be recognized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. 8 C.F.R. § 292.4.

The regulations provide that every application, petition, appeal, motion, request, or other document submitted on the form prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security regulations shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form; and the instructions are incorporated into the particular section of the regulations requiring its submission. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1). Form I-694 includes the following instruction:

Any Form I-694 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that the Form I-694 is deficient. [An applicant] may correct the deficiency and resubmit the Form I-694.<sup>1</sup>

In this case the Form I-694 is not signed by the applicant, but rather by \_\_\_\_\_ who identifies himself as the applicant’s friend. There is no Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance of Attorney or Representative, in the file, however, to indicate that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is an attorney or representative who is authorized to represent the applicant. On June 10, 2008, the AAO sent a letter to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ requesting that he provide a copy of his Form G-28. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was afforded a period of ten days to respond to this request. As of the date of this decision, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has not provided the AAO with his Form G-28. Since the appeal has not been signed and filed by the applicant or by any authorized representative, the appeal is deficient and has not been properly filed. The appeal, therefore, must be rejected.

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<sup>1</sup> Note, however, that a rejected application or petition will not retain a filing date. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7). As Form I-694 must be filed within 30 days of the notice of decision, it would not be possible to timely resubmit the Form I-694 in this case.



**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.