

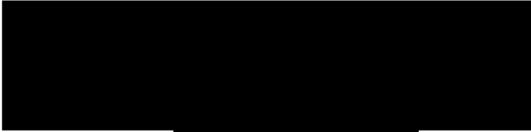
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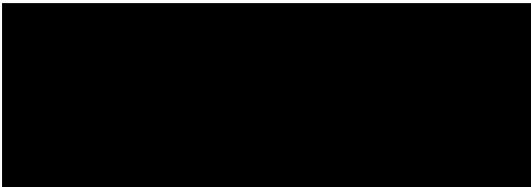
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IN RE: Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by LIFE Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000)

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. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, 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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Houston, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The district director denied the application because the applicant had not demonstrated that she had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status from before January 1, 1982 through May 4, 1988. Section 1104(c)(2)(B) of the LIFE Act; 8 C.F.R. § 245a.11(b).

On appeal, counsel asserts that the applicant has submitted sufficient evidence to prove that she entered the United States prior to January 1, 1982 and continuously resided in an unlawful status through May 4, 1988.

The Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal to the Administrative Appeals Unit, is not signed. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1) provides, in part, that “[e]very application, petition, appeal, motion, request . . . shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions . . . being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission.” The instructions at item six on the Form I-290B specifically require a signature on this form when the decision is appealed.

As the Form I-290B was not signed by applicant or anyone authorized to act on his behalf in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(3), the appeal has not been properly filed, and must be rejected.

The record reflects that the director denied the applicant’s Form I-687 application, MSC 05 214 10485, on December 1, 2005. The appeal of that denial is not at issue in this decision.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.