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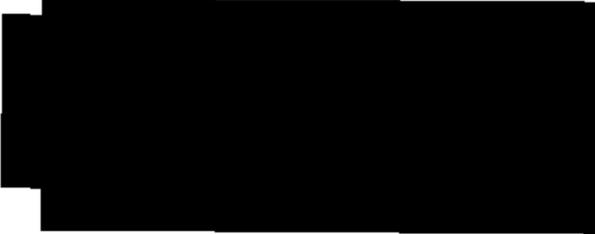


IN RE: Applicant:



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. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was filed on January 11, 2002. According to a date stamp on the Form I-485 application, the application was denied on October 29, 2007.¹ The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The AAO remands the case for further action and consideration.

The record is devoid of a notice of decision on the Form I-485 application. The matter will be remanded to the director to reopen and adjudicate the application on the merits.

If the new decision is adverse, it shall be certified to this office.

ORDER: The matter is remanded to the director for further action in accordance with the foregoing and entry of a new decision that, if adverse to the applicant, is to be certified to the AAO for review.

¹ The applicant was placed in removal proceedings due to a criminal history. The immigration judge administratively closed proceedings to permit the Service to adjudicate the applicant's LIFE Act application.