

## **Matter of L-E-A-, Respondent**

*Decided by Acting Attorney General December 31, 2018*

U.S. Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General

### **BEFORE THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL**

On December 3, 2018, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), I directed the Board of Immigration Appeals to refer this case to me for review of its decision. To assist me in my review, I invited the parties to these proceedings to submit opening briefs not exceeding 15,000 words in length and reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words in length. I also invited interested amici to submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words in length. I directed that opening briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 4, 2019, that reply briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 18, 2019, and that briefs from amici be filed on or before January 18, 2019.

On December 22, 2018, appropriations lapsed for the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. And on December 26, 2018, the Department of Homeland Security requested that the deadline for submitting its opening brief be extended "until 21 days after the resumption of normal government operations."

In light of the lapse in appropriations and the Department of Homeland Security's request, the briefing schedule I set on December 3, 2018, is suspended. When the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security receive funding permitting them to resume normal operations, I will set a new briefing schedule. Under that new schedule, opening briefs from the parties will be due no earlier than January 18, 2019, and reply briefs from the parties and briefs from amici will be due no earlier than February 1, 2019.