

**Matter of Daniel Girmai NEGUSIE, Respondent**

*Decided by Attorney General October 18, 2018*

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

**BEFORE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i) (2018), I direct the Board of Immigration Appeals (“Board”) to refer this case to me for review of its decision. The Board’s decision in this matter is automatically stayed pending my review. *See Matter of Haddam*, A.G. Order No. 2380-2001 (Jan. 19, 2001). To assist me in my review, I invite the parties to these proceedings and interested amici to submit briefs on: Whether coercion and duress are relevant to the application of the Immigration and Nationality Act’s persecutor bar. *See* 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101(a)(42), 1158(b)(2)(A)(i), 1231(b)(3)(B)(i) (2012).

The parties’ briefs shall not exceed 15,000 words and shall be filed on or before November 8, 2018. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before November 15, 2018. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before November 15, 2018. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to [AGCertification@usdoj.gov](mailto:AGCertification@usdoj.gov), and in triplicate to:

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All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines. Requests for extensions are disfavored.