

Matter of L-E-A-, Respondent

Decided by Acting Attorney General February 8, 2019

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 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. On December 31, 2018, in light of that lapse in appropriations, I suspended the briefing schedule. After the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security received funding permitting them to resume normal operations, I set a new briefing schedule. The Department of Homeland Security subsequently requested an extension of the briefing schedule. Considering that request, I set the following briefing schedule in this matter:

The parties' briefs shall not exceed 15,000 words and shall be filed on or before February 18, 2019. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before March 4, 2019. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before March 4, 2019. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to AGCertification@usdoj.gov, and in triplicate to:

United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Office of the Attorney General, Room 5114
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All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines.