

Matter of L-E-A-, Respondent

Decided by Attorney General March 1, 2019

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

BEFORE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On December 3, 2018, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker directed the Board of Immigration Appeals to refer this case to the Attorney General for review of the Board's decision. *See* Att'y Gen. Order No. 4339-2018. To assist that review, Acting Attorney General Whitaker directed that opening briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 4, 2019, that reply briefs be filed on or before January 18, 2019, and that briefs from amici be filed on or before January 18, 2019. *Id.*

On December 22, 2018, appropriations for the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security lapsed. Following a series of requests to suspend and extend the briefing schedule, on February 7, 2019, Acting Attorney General Whitaker directed that the parties' briefs shall be filed on or before February 18, 2019, that reply briefs from the parties be filed on or before March 4, 2019, and that briefs from amici be filed on or before March 4, 2019. *See* Att'y Gen. Order No. 4373-2018. Counsel for respondent subsequently requested an extension of the briefing schedule for reply and amicus briefs. Considering that request, I set the following scheduling order:

Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 9,000 words on or before March 13, 2019. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 6,000 words on or before March 13, 2019.

All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to AGCertification@usdoj.gov, and in triplicate to:

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Office of the Attorney General, Room 5114
Washington, DC 20530

All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines. No other deadlines in this matter are modified by this order.