

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 95 - 9014

ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE
STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION IN IMMIGRATION AND
NATIONALITY LAW OF THE
TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization have caused to be published Standards for Certification in Immigration and Nationality Law, and

WHEREAS, those amendments to those aforementioned Standards were accepted and approved by the members of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization on December 8, 1994, and presented to this Court, and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Court that said Standards will advance the administration of justice,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the aforementioned amendments to the Standards be adopted and that the Standards for Certification in Immigration and Nationality Law be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

II. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION

B. SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIAL COMPETENCE

Applicants must show substantial involvement and special competence in immigration and nationality law practice during the 3 years immediately preceding application by providing such information as may be required by the Board.

1. Applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application they have devoted a minimum of 25% of their time practicing immigration and nationality law as defined in Section I(G), or that during all or a proportionate part of that period they have served as an immigration judge, immigration trial attorney, district director, regional commissioner, U.S. Consul, or other official of similar responsibility, as defined in Section I(G).
2. Applicants must show their substantial involvement and special competence in immigration and nationality law for the required

periods of time as provided herein by providing such information as may be required by the Board regarding immigration law matters participated in by the applicant in 5 of the 7 categories listed below for each of the 3 years immediately preceding the date of application:

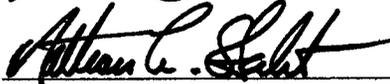
- a. **Petitions and Applications**
Representation of clients before the Immigration Service and the State Department in the filing of petitions and applications.
- b. **Alien Labor Certifications**
Representation of employers and/or aliens before the various state employment services, U.S. Department of Labor, and Immigration Service in alien labor certification cases, including appeals.
- c. **Naturalization**
Representation of clients before the Immigration Service and judicial courts in naturalization matters.
- d. **Administrative Hearings**
Representation of clients before Immigration Judges in deportation, exclusion, bond redetermination, and other administrative matters.
- e. **Administrative Appeals**
Representation of clients in appeals taken before the Board of Immigration Appeals, Regional Commissioners, Commissioner, and Attorney General.
- f. **Administrative Proceedings and Review in Judicial Courts**
Representation of clients in judicial matters such as applications for habeas corpus, mandamus and declaratory judgments, and criminal matters involving the immigration law, and petitions or review in judicial courts, and ancillary proceedings in judicial courts.
- g. **Employer Sanctions, Bond and Custody, Rescission, Registry, and Fine Proceedings**
Representation of clients in these matters.

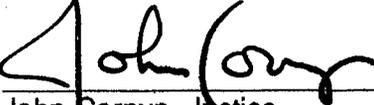
Signed and entered this 6th day of January, 1995.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

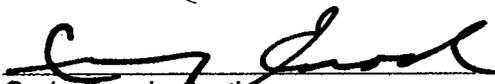

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