



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Policy Alert

SUBJECT: Attorneys and Representatives

Purpose

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the [USCIS Policy Manual](#) regarding attorneys and representatives, consolidating and updating guidance that was previously contained in the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM).

Background

Only certain representatives can provide representation before USCIS.¹ Practitioners' behavior when representing a person or client must be within the bounds of the law and in accordance with the rules of professional conduct. Disciplinary measures may be sought against attorneys and accredited representatives when they do not adhere to professional conduct requirements.

This guidance, contained in Volume 1 of the Policy Manual, is effective immediately and applies to requests pending or filed on or after the publication date. This policy update supersedes the guidance found in Chapter 12 of the AFM, related AFM appendices, and related policy memoranda. The guidance contained in the Policy Manual is controlling and supersedes any related prior guidance.

Policy Highlights

- Explains expectations for the professional conduct of practitioners, grounds for discipline, and procedures for reporting criminal, unethical, or unprofessional conduct or frivolous behavior (such as immigration fraud) by practitioners or organizations.
- Clarifies who may serve as representatives and who may provide other assistance and related responsibilities, requirements, and limitations.
- Provides information on benefit requestors' responsibilities if they choose to have representation.
- Explains requirements for establishing, changing, and withdrawing representation.

¹ See [8 CFR 292.1\(a\)](#) and [8 CFR 1.2](#). See Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative ([Form G-28](#)).

Summary of Changes

Affected Section: Volume 1, General Policies and Procedures

- Adds new Part D (Attorneys and Representatives)

USCIS may also make other minor technical, stylistic, and conforming changes consistent with this update.

Citation

Volume 1: General Policies and Procedures, Part D, Attorneys and Representatives [[1 USCIS-PM D](#)] (Chapters 1-5).