

## SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL PROVISIONS

### PART 1—DEFINITIONS

AUTHORITY: 66 Stat. 173; 8 U.S.C. 1101; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510; 5 U.S.C. 301.

#### §1.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(a) The terms defined in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163) shall have the meanings ascribed to them in that section and as supplemented, explained, and further defined in this chapter.

(b) The term *Act* means the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

(c) The term *Service* means the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(d) The term *Commissioner* means the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

(e) The term *Board* means the Board of Immigration Appeals.

(f) The term *attorney* means any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any State, possession, territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia, and is not under any order of any court suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbaring, or otherwise restricting him in the practice of law.

(g) Unless the context otherwise requires, the term *case* means any proceeding arising under any immigration or naturalization law, Executive order, or Presidential proclamation, or preparation for or incident to such proceeding, including preliminary steps by any private person or corporation preliminary to the filing of the application or petition by which any proceeding under the jurisdiction of the Service or the Board is initiated.

(h) The term *day* when computing the period of time for taking any action provided in this chapter including the taking of an appeal, shall include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, except that when the last day of the period so computed falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the period shall run until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, nor a legal holiday.

(i) The term *practice* means the act or acts of any person appearing in any case, either in person or through the preparation or filing of any brief or other document, paper, application, or petition on behalf of another person or client before or with the Service, or any officer of the Service, or the Board.

(j) The term *representative* refers to a person who is entitled to represent others as provided in §§292.1(a) (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and 292.1(b) of this chapter.

(k) The term *preparation*, constituting practice, means the study of the facts of a case and the applicable laws, coupled with the giving of advice and auxiliary activities, including the incidental preparation of papers, but does not include the lawful functions of a notary public or service consisting solely of assistance in the completion of blank spaces on printed Service forms by one whose remuneration, if any, is nominal and who does not hold himself out as qualified in legal matters or in immigration and naturalization procedure.

(l) The term *immigration judge* means special inquiry officer and may be used interchangeably with the term special inquiry officer wherever it appears in this chapter.

(m) The term *representation* before the Board and the Service includes practice and preparation as defined in paragraphs (i) and (k) of this section.

(n) The term *Executive Office* means Executive Office for Immigration Review.

(o) The term *director* means either district director or regional service center director, unless otherwise specified.

(p) The term *lawfully admitted for permanent residence* means the status of having been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant in accordance with the immigration laws, such status not having changed. Such status terminates upon entry of a final

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administrative order of exclusion or deportation.

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### PART 2—AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER

AUTHORITY: 28 U.S.C. 509, 510; 5 U.S.C. 301; 8 U.S.C. 1103.

#### § 2.1 Authority of the Commissioner.

Without divesting the Attorney General of any of his powers, privileges, or duties under the immigration and naturalization laws, and except as to the Executive Office, the Board, the Office of the Chief Special Inquiry Officer, and Special Inquiry Officers, there is delegated to the Commissioner the authority of the Attorney General to direct the administration of the Service and to enforce the Act and all other laws relating to the immigration and naturalization of aliens. The Commissioner may issue regulations as deemed necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any authority delegated to him by the Attorney General, and may redelegate any such authority to any other officer or employee of the Service.

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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 8 U.S.C. 1103, 1252 note, 1252b, 1362; 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, 1746; sec. 2, Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1950, 3 CFR, 1949–1953 Comp., p. 1002.

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#### § 3.0 Executive Office for Immigration Review.

(a) *Organization.* The Executive Office for Immigration Review shall be headed by a Director, who shall be responsible for the general supervision of the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge in the execution of their duties in accordance with 8 CFR part 3. The Director may redelegate the authority delegated to him by the Attorney General to the Chairman of the Board of Immigration Appeals or the Chief Immigration Judge. The Director shall be assisted in the performance of his duties by an Executive Assistant.