



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

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Ben Johnson
Executive Director
American Immigration Council
1331 G Street, NW, Suite 200
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your June 14, 2011, letter concerning the role of counsel in immigration proceedings before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Your participation in this dialogue plays a valuable role in helping our Agency identify and solve issues that affect our customers.

USCIS appreciates your comments and suggestions to the most recent version of Chapter 12, *Attorneys and Other Representatives*, and Chapter 15, *Interviewing Techniques*, of the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM). USCIS is currently revising Chapter 12, and we expect to release an amendment to the AFM in the next 60 days. Your comments are timely as we deliberate on the necessary improvements that will serve our customers and strengthen the integrity of our immigration proceedings.

As we review USCIS field guidance and training modules, we will keep your concerns and suggestions in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alejandro N. Mayorkas". The signature is stylized with a large, bold "A" and "M".

Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Director