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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Arizona Dream Act Coalition, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Brewer, et al.,  
Defendants.

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No. 2:12-cv-02546-DGC

**DECLARATION OF  
REGINA JEFFERIES**

## DECLARATION OF REGINA JEFFERIES

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Regina Jefferies, declare under penalty of perjury that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

1. I am an attorney, licensed in the State of Arizona, practicing solely in the field of immigration and nationality law. I have practiced in the field for more than six (6) years and all of my practice experience has been in Arizona.

2. I am the Chair of the Arizona Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and a Member of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). AILA is the national association of over 11,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law.

3. I earned a Master of Studies in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom in 2011. I earned a Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in December of 2005.

4. I have written a number of peer-reviewed journal articles, guest commentaries and articles on immigration law. I have lectured as an invited speaker on immigration law topics on thirteen (13) occasions and have organized or taught CLE courses on more than ten (10) occasions throughout the United States.

5. I currently own and manage the Law Office of Regina Jefferies, PLC, focusing on family-based immigration, asylum and removal defense. I handle consular processing cases for immigrant and fiancée visas, adjustment of status cases, U Nonimmigrant cases, asylum claims, self-petitions for victims of domestic violence, requests for prosecutorial discretion, requests for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), applications for cancellation of removal and other forms of relief before the Executive Office of Immigration Review.

6. Our client base mostly comes from Mexico and Latin America, though a large percentage of clients also originate from Canada, Asia and Europe. Many of our clients are married to U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents, or have been victims of crime.

7. All of my clients who apply for and receive Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) are able to receive an Arizona driver's license from the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), regardless of whether they are in a formal immigration status, with the exception of DACA grantees.

8. I have worked with well over 100 clients who overstayed a visitor visa but married a United States citizen and filed for adjustment of status who were eligible to apply for and receive an EAD under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(9). These clients were not in any formal immigration status, but were granted Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD.

9. I have worked with dozens of clients who entered the United States unlawfully and who never had formal immigration status, but who filed an application for asylum that remained pending for at least 150 days, and were eligible to apply for and receive an EAD under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(8). These clients were not in any formal immigration status, but were granted Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD.

10. I have worked with several clients with a final order of removal, but who were granted withholding of removal, and were eligible to apply for and receive an EAD under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(a)(10). These clients did not have formal immigration status and had final orders of removal, but were granted Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD.

11. I have worked with a number of clients who were victims of domestic violence, as well as their derivatives, who had an approved I-360 self-petition and a grant of deferred action. These clients were eligible to apply for and receive an EAD under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(14).

These clients did not have formal immigration status, but were granted Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD.

12. I have worked with many clients without formal immigration status who have been granted Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD after Governor Brewer issued Executive Order 2012-06 on August 15, 2012. The only group of clients who are without formal immigration status and have been denied Arizona driver's licenses by the MVD after the August 15<sup>th</sup> Order are DACA grantees.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2012.

By:   
REGINA JEFFERIES