

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Laura Boustani, Mutsuyo Okumura Unger,)
Chia-Min T. Chen, Mary Savas, Efty)
Simakis, Sophia Loizos, Paramjit Singh,)
Joseph Hajjar, Catherine Ma, Sagarika)
Nayak, Eduardo A. Romero, Karil)
Bialostosky, Dagmar Celeste, Ali AlHaddad)
MD, Sawsan Alhaddad MD, Gia Hoa Ryan,)
Margaret Wong, P.S. Murthy, Asian)
American Bar Association of Ohio, The)
Federation of India Community Association,)
Service Employees International Union)
District 1199, American-Arab Anti-) Civil Action No. 06-2065
Discrimination Committee, Greater Toledo)
Association of Arab Americans, Council on)
American-Islamic Relations Ohio,)
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Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
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J. Kenneth Blackwell,)
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Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF DAVID LEOPOLD

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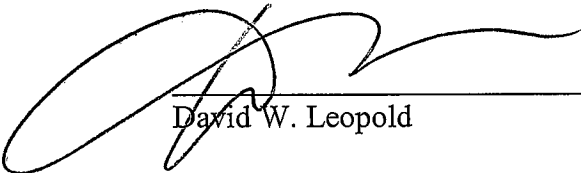
I, David W. Leopold, make the following unsworn declaration, in lieu of affidavit, pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1746:

1. I am admitted to the practice of law before the Supreme Court of Ohio; the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Sixth Circuits; and the United States Supreme Court;
2. I am the principal of Leopold and Associates, in Cleveland, Ohio, where I am engaged in the full-time practice of immigration, visa, and citizenship law;
3. In addition to my practice, my professional credentials include: Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law and Coordinator of Immigration Curriculum, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1997-present; Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, 2005-present; National Officer, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), 2005-Present; Director, AILA National Board of Governors, 2001-2005; Chair, AILA Ohio Chapter, 2001-2003; Chair, AILA Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Liaison Committee, 2003-2004; Member, AILA DHS General Counsel Liaison Committee, 2004-2005; Executive Committee Liaison, AILA Executive Office of Immigration Review Liaison Committee, 2005-2006; Faculty, American Immigration Law Foundation Litigation Institute, 2003-present; Senior Editor, Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook (AILA 2004-present); Associate Editor, Litigation Manual (AILA 2002); Contributing Author, Visa Processing Guide (AILA 2005).
4. In the course of my immigration practice I have handled many citizenship matters;
5. A naturalized U.S. citizen is issued a "Certificate of Naturalization" which serves as proof of citizenship. The certificate appears to be an 8 ½ x 11 inch document containing an original photograph of the naturalized citizen on the bottom left quadrant. Other information contained on the certificate includes: the naturalized citizen's alien registration number; date of birth; sex; height; marital status and country of former nationality. The certificate further states where and when the citizen was naturalized and includes the following notation: "IT IS PUNISHABLE BY U.S. LAW TO COPY, PRINT OR PHOTOGRAPH THIS CERTIFICATE WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY";
6. Naturalized citizens may occasionally be required to produce their Naturalization Certificates; for example when petitioning for immigrant classification for an immediate relative or when applying for a U.S. passport;

7. In my experience, not all naturalized citizens can readily produce their Naturalization Certificates;
8. In the event of damage or loss, a naturalized citizen may apply for a replacement Naturalization Certificate by filing USCIS Form I-565, with a current fee of \$220, at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office with jurisdiction over the naturalized citizen's place of residence.

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

EXECUTED at Cleveland, Ohio, this 25th day of August, 2006



David W. Leopold