

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

Petitioner(s),

vs.

Respondent(s).

9th Cir. Case No. _____

Agency Name _____

Agency Case No. _____

PETITIONER'S INFORMAL OPENING BRIEF
Non-Immigration Agency

(attach additional sheets as necessary, up to a total of 50 pages including this form)

JURISDICTION. This information helps the court determine if it can review your case.

1. Timeliness of Appeal

a. What date did the agency enter a decision? _____

b. What date did you file your petition for review? _____

FACTS. Include all facts that the court needs to know to decide your case.

2. What are the facts of your case?

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE AGENCY. In this section, we ask you about what happened in your case before you filed your petition for review with the court of appeals.

3. What did you ask the agency to do—for example, did you ask the agency to award money damages, issue an injunction, or provide some other type of relief?

4. What legal claim or claims did you raise with the agency?

5. What did the agency do?

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS. In this section, we ask you about issues related to this case before the court of appeals and any previous cases you have had in this court.

6. What issues are you asking the court to review in this case? What do you think the agency did wrong?

7. Did you present all issues listed in Question 6 to the agency?
Answer yes or no: _____

If not, why not?

8. What law supports your position? (You may refer to cases and statutes, but you are not required to do so.)

9. **Other Pending Cases.** Do you have any other cases pending in the court of appeals? If so, give the name and docket number of each case.

10. **Previous Cases.** Have you filed any previous cases that have been decided by the court of appeals? If so, give the name and docket number of each case.

Name

Address

Signature

Date