

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

Petitioner(s),

9th Cir. Case No. _____

vs.

Alien Registration No. _____
(“A number”)

Respondent(s).

PETITIONER’S INFORMAL OPENING BRIEF
Immigration

(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 immigration judge enter a decision? _____
 - b. What date did you file your notice of appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)? _____
 - c. What date did the BIA enter a decision? _____
 - d. What date did you file your petition for review? _____
- For prisoners or detainees, what date did you give your petition for review to prison authorities for mailing? _____

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 BIA. In this section, we ask you about what happened in your case before you filed your petition for review. The term “agency” refers to the agency, court, or officer that made the final decision in your case. The agency is most likely the BIA. If the BIA did not hear your case, the term “agency” may mean the immigration court or officer that made the final decision.

3. What did you ask the agency to do? What type of relief did you request—for example, ask the agency for cancellation of removal or asylum or to re-open a prior removal proceeding?

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 immigration court and/or BIA? 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 the court of appeals has decided? If so, give the name and docket number of each case.

Name

Address

Signature

Date