Matter of B-Z-R-, Respondent

Decided by Attorney General January 6, 2022

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General

BEFORE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

On December 9, 2021, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(h)(1)(i), I directed the Board of Immigration Appeals to refer this case to me for review of its decision. To assist me in my review, I directed that opening briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 10, 2022, that briefs from amici be filed on or before January 17, 2022, and that reply briefs from the parties be filed on or before January 24, 2022.

On December 20, 2021, counsel for respondent filed a request to extend the deadline for submitting respondent's opening brief by twenty-one days, to January 31, 2022. In response to that request, I set the following briefing schedule in this matter:

The parties' briefs shall not exceed 6,000 words and shall be filed on or before January 31, 2022. Interested amici may submit briefs not exceeding 4,500 words on or before February 7, 2022. The parties may submit reply briefs not exceeding 3,000 words on or before February 14, 2022. All filings shall be accompanied by proof of service and shall be submitted electronically to AGCertification@usdoj.gov, and in triplicate to:

United States Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General, Room 5114 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

All briefs must be both submitted electronically and postmarked on or before the pertinent deadlines. Requests for further extensions are disfavored.