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San Diego, CA



December 31, 2012

Re: I-129F K1 Petition Review

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the documents that you have sent. The following are my recommendations, how you can improve the petition so as to allow it to be processed more smoothly and quickly by USCIS. If you have any questions please call or email me at 1-800-806-3210 x 702.

I don't find any specific problem that would be a "deal breaker", however I find many minor problems that individually should not be an issue, but combined may cause delays in processing. I recommend you clean up as many as you can.

Binding

Binder: You used a heavy binder with thick cardboard pages both at front and back of petition. This adds weight, but not effectiveness. Typically USCIS will throw it away. Instead I recommend you just use two brass Acco fasteners. (see attached: Materials for Professional Looking Petitions)

Index Tabs: You used heavy divider sheets, with the exhibit number printed on the tabs that stick out. 7 are oriented one way, 16 the opposite way. Best to be consistent. Divider sheets add to the weight but not the effectiveness of the petition. I suggest you lose the dividers, and instead use Post-it Durable Flat File Tab(s) (repositionable tabs) attached to the first page of each exhibit. (see attached: Materials for Professional Looking Petitions). That way there are no extra blank pages, that only add cumbersomeness, and are extra work for USCIS to remove and discard.

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Cover Page

Header: Your mailing address, USCIS mailing address, and “Re: “ texts are **TYPED IN ALL CAPS**. It is preferable to never use all caps, except in the one place it is specifically requested, which is I-129F, #A, your family name, and #B, her family name.

USCIS mailing Address: The mailing address for USCIS typed on the cover page, is incomplete. It is missing “**2501 South State Highway 121 Business**“. You don’t want to take a chance mailing the package to an incorrect or incomplete address.

Yellow Highlighting: You have used yellow highlighter to highlight the descriptions of all 22 exhibits. If you have one particular item you wish to bring attention to, highlighting is a good idea. Highlighting ALL is not recommended.

Final Paragraph: The final exhibit description and the following paragraph confirming “all copies are true”, have run together. Please separate the two by inserting a blank line, between the paragraph and the last exhibit description.

It is always a good idea to include email and telephone contact information in this paragraph also. Such as

Order of Exhibits:

Trip Photographs: Exhibits 15 and 20. It is best to group similar types of evidences together. So bring exhibits 15 and 20 which both show trip photos, closer together. Either in one combined exhibit or two listed next to each other.

More recent evidences are more important than older evidences. So I recommend you present, Exhibit 20 first, then Exhibit 15 immediately after.

Travel Itineraries: Exhibits 17 and 18. Show more recent evidence first, so best to present Exhibit 18 first, then Exhibit 17 immediately after.

Preferred Order of Evidences: Starting with the letter describing your relationship, a logical and effective order would be as follows:

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History Letter
Photos together
Travel Itineraries
Colombia Entry/Exit Stamps
Itemized Telephone Logs
Itemized Email Logs or Samples
Money Order Receipts

And within any exhibit, present the most recent first, the oldest last.

Exhibit 1: I-129F

- This has been typed in ALL CAPS. Only the Last Names should be in All Caps.
- Only ONE copy of the I-129F should be enclosed.
- A #11. An attached page to explain the full circumstances of your previous denial is appropriate
- A+B #4. Date of birth should be in format MM/DD/YYYY
- B #16. The Spanish alphabet is Roman. So the answer here is “n/a”

Exhibit 2: Check or Money Order

Instead of making this a bound part of the petition, I use a paper clip to affix it the payment to the first page, so that it is immediately accessible by USCIS. I change the cover letter to list the check as first or second item on the list of contents.

Exhibit 3: Your g-325a

- All Caps should be avoided.
- In the case of your mother, you should state the Year she became deceased
- The box at the bottom of the page, should be filled in with your name

Exhibit 4: Birth Certificate

You need to demonstrate US citizenship. This is accomplished with either your birth certificate or US passport. I prefer the passport as it serves two functions, it proves citizenship AND shows how experienced a traveler you are. As you already have the passport, I suggest you remove the birth certificate.

Exhibit 5: Your Passport

You have provided a full copy of your passport, including the last stamps from your most recent trip. This is correct.

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Exhibit 6: Divorce Decrees

You have combined your two divorces into this one exhibit. It would be more clear that you have provided both of these required documents, if you list them separately, as two exhibits, one for each divorce.

Exhibit 7:

Visa Photos: I prefer to attach a ziploc bag to the very front of the petition, and enclose both your and her photos together. I then revise the cover letter to list the photos as second on the list of contents. Remember the full name of the person in the visa photo should be written on the back of each photo. (see attached: Materials for Professional Looking Petitions)

Exhibit 8: her g-325a

- All caps should be avoided.
- “Self Employed” under Name and Address of Employer, should be replaced with the address she conducts business

Exhibit 9: her birth certificate

A certified translation from Spanish to english needs to be presented along with her birth certificate.

Exhibit 10: Her passport

- It seems you have mistakenly placed the passport where you intend to place her visa photos, and the visa photos where you intend the passport. You should make sure the contents of each exhibit match the exhibits description.
- Her passport should consist of each and every page, even the blank ones.

Exhibit 11: Visa Photos

See Exhibit 7, above.

Exhibit 12: Your letter of intent

It is ok, but if you had cause to redo, then avoid the use of ALL caps in your address

Exhibit 13: Her letter of intent

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- You have included multiple copies of her letter. Only ONE page is needed, No copies should be included.

Exhibit 14: History:

- The consular officer has limited time or patience. A short 2 to 3 page letter that “gets to the point” is what is needed. Tell immigration the “readers digest” version of your relationship. Key dates, key benchmarks as your relationship progresses. It is not to be a diary, or journal, not a business plan. Provide enough to provide a feeling of two genuine, in-love people. Not the background story of her or her families lives, not your background either. I have edited your letter, it is attached.
- Be sure to sign and date.

Exhibit 15: Trip Photos

I recommend you combine Exhibits 15 + 20, and identify the trips and dates each photo was taken from. At the bottom of each page of photos label the bottom (footer) of the page as “Trip #2, January 2012” or “Trip #1, June 2009” When you describe the Exhibit, say

Exhibit #15 Photographs of Carlos and Faysuri together in Colombia
 Trip #2, January 2012
 Trip #1, June 2009

Each photo should be carefully selected, there should only be a few well chosen ones, to convincingly tell your story.. Each should show different locations, times, clothing. Each should be of both fiance and fiancée, never only one. This is NOT a photo album to be shared with your patient and supportive friends or family. It should be a short, clear, presentation to be made to a busy consular officer. He is ONLY interested in determining you spent enough time together, and did enough things together, to be convinced you are a bone fide couple, he is not interested in seeing multiple photos of your “day at the beach”.

Attached to this exhibit you provided:

- 4 photos of her alone. Discard all
- 1 photo of you alone. Discard all
- 3 photos of you and her wearing bathing suits, all taken at same time on same beach. Discard 2

This leaves a total of 3 photos, as a couple, taken at different times. Use these.

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Exhibit 16: Emails, Money Transfers, Telephone Bills

Somehow, what should be three distinct and separate exhibits has been combined. Be sure to separate them, and make three separate exhibits. I would do them in order of Telephone, Emails, Transfers (see **Order of Exhibits** above)

Telephone Bills: You ONLY show April 2012. Your history statement refers to you making regular phone calls. I would expect you to have bills from MANY months, even all three years. I would select one page showing the start of the month, from each phone bill you have. You should have a few years worth.

Emails: There seem to be only a few samples which are clustered around April 2008, and November 2011. It would be better instead to have samples spread evenly over time, as evenly and as long as possible. 1 or 2 per month would be good. And no need to have two pages of a sample. One only would do, it is not needed for the reader to read EVERY word that was typed that day, only enough for him to see that you were writing regularly, and having personal conversations. And especially remove 2nd pages that have no relevant content, such as the ones that ONLY show a Blockbuster advertisement.

Money Transfers: These Look good. However you should present them in chronological order, most recent first, oldest last.

Exhibit 17: your Flight itineraries

- Combine exhibits 17 + 19 together
- For clarity: list the basic flight details with the exhibit description, ie
Trip #2, January x to January x 2012
Trip #1, June x to June x 2009
- For clarity: Write the dates of each trip clearly at the footer of each page.
- One itinerary has 6 repetitive pages, each stating the same info. Discard all but 1. The concept is to provide enough details to prove a point, then move on. Do not dilute the consular officers attention or patience by repeating the same info.

Exhibit 18: her flight itinerary

- For clarity: list the basic flight details with the exhibit description, ie
Trip #1, June x to June x 2009

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Exhibit `19: flight itinerary from second trip.

It is MiSSING. Once you find it, group all of your flight itineraries together, combining #19 with #17. (see #17 above for more details)

Exhibit 20: Photos (see exhibit 15 above)

In this exhibit you provided:

- One photo, date stamped 1/28, another 1/27, but you both are wearing IDENTICAL clothing. It will lead immigration to suspect that the date stamps have been doctored. Discard 1.
- 3 photos of you in black, her in zebra, one with ring. Keep ring, plus 1 other.
- 2 photos of you in stripes, her in gray. Discard 1
- 8 photos of you in red, her in black, Discard 7
- 1 photo of her alone, discard.

This leaves a total of 4 photos, as a couple, taken at different times. Use these.

Exhibit 21: Translated Documents

You have included copies of her diplomas, school transcripts, professional certificates. She is NOT applying for a work or a student visa. She is applying for a fiancée visa, which is judged SOLELY on the romantic involvement and sincerity of the two of you. All of these documents should be removed from the petition.

Exhibit 22: Extry + Exit Stamps

Just the pages from your passport that show evidence of your trips to Colombia when you actually met your fiancée should be included here. It looks like you put in your entire passport. Your entire passport is ALREADY shown at Exhibit 5. Repeating the entry/exit pages adds clarity. Repeating the entire passport does not. On the pages with the stamps it is a good idea to identify which stamp is relevant, and write the entry and exit dates.

Note from Citibank confirming your bank balances:

This is NOT listed on the exhibit list, and should be removed. When your fiancée goes to her interview in Bogota, at that time she will be asked to hand carry your financial eligibility evidences. No FINANCIAL eligibility documents should be included with your I-129F petition. At that time you demonstrate your finances generally with pay stubs, not bank accounts. IF you choose bank accounts, then you should provide a statement telling what your average balances have been for the past 6 months, NOT just a letter stating what your account balances were on a

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particular day. Generally you would not ask the banker to sign a letter, instead would just print out and present, each monthly bank statement you got for the past 6 months.

“Wrap Up” Paragraph:

The paragraph starting “*I understand ...*” should not be a part of the description of the Exhibit but should be on a separate line, clearly separated from the section listing the exhibits.

Please Add:

Form g-1145: The Form g-1145 is a simple one page form, that gives USCIS your email and cell phone number. You attach it to the top of your petition with a rubber band or paper clip. That way when they process your case they email and text message you with updates. I recommend you include this form when you submit. Get a copy at <http://fianceevisaservices.com/uscisforms.html>

Best

Fred Wahl
Matchmaker

Ps: What you should do now:

- A. Reassemble the petition. Make changes as needed. Replace pages as needed.
- B. Sign and Date wherever indicated.
- C. Make copies. Bind package.
- D. Your petition should be shipped as follows:

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Dallas, TX 75266

For Express mail and courier deliveries:

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Attn: I-129F
2501 South State Highway 121 Business
Suite 400,
Lewisville, TX 75067

E. Your payment to USCIS and the form g-1145 should be loosely attached to the top of the petition, using a rubber band, or paper clip.

F. Within 10 business days you should get a confirmation from USCIS that the package has been received, and a tracking number assigned.

Ps. At this point your petition review is complete. Please carefully follow the above advice, submitting your petition directly to USCIS. If desired I can conduct a second review. Just finalize the petition, then send it to me. The fee for a follow-up review is \$97.

Enclosed:

Materials for Professional Looking Petitions.pdf
[REDACTED] History Revised.doc

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