

## Acting AG Refers BIA Case to Himself and Invites Amicus Regarding "Particular Social Group" Membership

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The Acting Attorney General Whitaker referred a BIA decision to himself for review whether, and under what circumstances, an individual may establish persecution on account of membership in a "particular social group" based on membership in a family unit. Amicus briefs were originally due by 1/18/19. Note, on 12/31/18, the Acting Attorney General suspended the briefing schedule due to the lapse in appropriations and the DHS request. When the DOJ and DHS receive funding, a new briefing schedule will be set. Matter of L-E-A-, 27 I&N Dec. 494 (A.G. 2018)

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