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<u>**Approval of Application for Renewal of Full Accreditation –**</u>
<u>**Fernando Mario Ghio**</u>

Dear Applicant:

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP), has received your application for an associated individual's renewal of full accreditation under 8 C.F.R. § 1292.16. Based upon our review of the application and the materials submitted, we are satisfied that the individual your organization submitted for renewal of full accreditation possesses the character and fitness and broad knowledge and adequate experience in immigration law and procedure to practice before EOIR and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Therefore, the application for renewal of full accreditation is approved.

Please note that accreditation of the representative is valid for a period of **three years** from the date of this letter. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.16(g). To maintain valid accreditation, your organization must submit to OLAP an application for renewal of the representative's accreditation prior to the expiration date. The application for renewal of accreditation must establish that the representative remains eligible for accreditation and has continued to receive formal training in immigration law and procedure (annually with supporting documentation) for the three-year period of the representative's accreditation. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.16(c)(2). Furthermore, as practitioners, whether before DHS or EOIR, accredited representatives are subject to and responsible for the Professional Conduct Rules found at 8 C.F.R. §§ 292.3 *et seq.* and 1003.102 *et seq.*

Sincerely,

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