

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Maria. I was born in 1968 in Guatemala.

I came to the United States in February 1990 and I have lived here with my 18 year old daughter who was also born in Guatemala. She entered the United States in 1992.

Shortly after I entered the United States I applied for Political Asylum. Our lives in Guatemala were threatened and we all fled to the United States to escape the ravages of the civil war which ended in 1996.

My parents and all my siblings are also in the United States. Most of them have legal residence here. My case was difficult because when I left Guatemala I did not bring any proof of my persecution there. However, my attorney, Gary T. Jodha, assisted me in my applications for Political Asylum and Cancellation of Removal before the Immigration Judge. My first application before the Immigration department was denied and I was extremely worried being deported back to Guatemala especially with my 18 year old daughter who has just finished High School. She has excellent grades especially in science and would like to study medicine in the United States.

In addition to my daughter Katherine, I also have a son, who is 13 years old and who is born in the United States. My daughter and I faced deportation and uncertainty before the Immigration Judge. If we were ordered deported, my son Patrick would also have to return to Guatemala with us where all of us especially my children would experience great difficulty in adjusting to country conditions and learning a new language to pursue their education.

Thanks to Mr. Jodha's professional assistance we were able to obtain our Permanent Residency before the Immigration Judge on 10/10/2008 a day that we shall never forget. We are forever grateful to Mr. Jodha for his invaluable assistance and recommend him extremely highly to any other person.

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Maria

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Maria. I was born in Guatemala in 1965.

I came to the United States on 1989 during which time a civil war was raging in Guatemala. It lasted until 1996.

I applied for Political Asylum and the application was denied. An Immigration Judge granted me voluntary departure but I appealed the case and the appeal was denied by the Board of Immigration of Appeals (BIA).

My legal Immigration history in the United States up to this point was handled by two other attorneys, not Gary T. Jodha.

On or about 2005 I hired Mr. Jodha to handle my case. He filed another appeal to the BIA and he was successful in having the case sent back to the Immigration Judge for a decision. The Immigration Judge referred the case back to Immigration and on 08/12/2008 I received my Permanent Residency at the Immigration office in Lyndhurst, NJ in the presence of God and Mr. Jodha.

I will always remember this date. I have one natural born U.S. Citizen child who is 6 years old. In addition, I adopted all three of my sister's children ages, 17, 15 and 11. I have very few or no family left in Guatemala. Having lived in the United States for the past 19 years with my children and other siblings this is now my home.

When I came to see Mr. Jodha, I knew that I had a difficult case. Nevertheless, I insisted that I wanted him to help me because of his wide reputation for assisting thousands of persons from Guatemala and other Central American countries. He came very highly recommended to me and I am eternally grateful to him for the job he did for me.

If I had to return to Guatemala to live, my life and the lives of my children would be miserable and almost impossible to adjust to living conditions in Guatemala. This lawyer has made all the difference in the world for my family and me. This month I visited with my 88 year old mother whom I had not seen for the past 19 years. Mr. Jodha made this possible and I shall always be grateful to him for his assistance.

I pray to God that he would give him long life and wisdom so he can continue to help other people as he helped me. For the reasons indicated on this letter I recommend Mr. Jodha with no reservation whatsoever as a caring human being and an excellent lawyer.

* Maria

10/23/2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine. I was born in 1990 in Guatemala. I entered the United States in 1992 and have lived here since that time.

I write this letter with my mother, Maria, on whose behalf Mr. Jodha obtained Permanent Residency on 10/10/2008. Through my mother, I obtained Permanent Residency also. Since I lived in this country for the past 16 years, I know nothing and no one in Guatemala.

I recently graduated from High School. I have excellent grades in Science and I intend to apply to Medical School after I graduate college. Both Mr. Jodha and the Immigration Judge were aware of my goals and ambitions and what it would mean to me to return to Guatemala to attempt to adjust to a country and lifestyle of which I know nothing.

All of my mother's family are here in the United States. I also have a brother born here. If my mother and I were ordered deported, naturally my brother would want to come with us to Guatemala. The adjustment for him would be equally difficult as it would be for my mother and me.

Mr. Jodha has given me a brighter future. I can now continue my education and become a successful woman in this beautiful country. I now have the opportunity to drive and work without having to worry about it. In addition, he has also helped my mother to try to get a better paying job.

Our entire family is very grateful and happy with Mr. Jodha's beyond excellent work. He has opened so many doors to us. He is both an excellent lawyer and a wonderful human being.

x Katherine