

9 FAM 42.62 Notes

(TL:VISA-333; 11-15-2001)

9 FAM 42.62 N1 Personal Interview of Visa Applicants by Consular Officer

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a. Consular officers shall make every effort to conduct visa interviews fairly and sympathetically. Any semblance of cross-examination, assumption of bad faith or entrapment must be avoided. In cases where the consular officer's determinations are difficult to make or which are or may become the subject of controversy, the officer shall make a careful record of the interview so that the basis for the final action can be fully documented. [See also 9 FAM 42.81.]

b. Interviewing visa applicants is one of the consular officer's most demanding jobs. Techniques for good interviewing, including the critical skill of how to ask the right questions, deserve careful attention. [See the Consular Anti-Fraud Handbook, Chapter 5, for a discussion of the interview.]

9 FAM 42.62 N2 Interview When Applicant is Sole Beneficiary of the Petition

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Although the regulation permits the waiver of the personal appearance for a child under the age of 14, the principal beneficiary, regardless of age, of any IV petition must appear in person.