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## Signature Requirements for USCIS Forms

### Legal Requirements for Attorneys and Accredited Representatives Signing Form G-28, Notice of Appearance

Attorneys and accredited representatives filing any petition or immigration benefit application on behalf of petitioners and applicants must sign Form G-28, Notice of Appearance, and include the original with the filing. The petitioner or immigration benefit applicant or his or her legal guardian for children under age 14 must sign the Form G-28 in the original. USCIS will continue accepting original Form G-28 bearing the facsimile signature of the attorney or accredited representative (e.g., a stamped signature) as allowed under the regulations governing the filing of applications and petitions and longstanding operational guidance.

### Legal Requirements for the Signature on Petitions and Immigration Benefit Applications

- **Attorneys and Accredited Representatives:** The signature of any attorney or accredited representative who has been granted legal authorization to sign on behalf of the petitioner or the applicant must be in the original.
- **Applicants and Petitioners:** Applicants and petitioners must sign their respective applications and petitions. The signature must be an original signature. Parents and legal guardians may sign for children under age 14. Legal guardians may sign for individuals who are incompetent to sign. In such cases, the filing must include evidence of parentage or legal guardianship if not otherwise required for the immigration benefit being sought.
- **Acceptable Original Signature for Paper Filings:** An acceptable signature is one that is handwritten. Signature facsimiles (e.g., stamps) do not meet USCIS regulatory requirements for acceptable signatures. While attorneys and accredited representatives may place a facsimile signature on Form G-28, the application or petition must bear their original signature if they are signing on behalf of the petitioner or applicant pursuant to a current Power of Attorney or other legal authorization.
- **Acceptable Signature for E-Filings:** Electronic signature rules apply to forms filed electronically, as per the instructions on the form.

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