## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

AMALIA RAMIREZ CASTELANO, et al, §

Petitioners, §
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. M-08-57

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CONDOLEEZZA RICE, et al, §

Respondents. §

## ORDER GRANTING UNOPPPOSED MOTION TO SEVER PLAINTIFFS' 8 U.S.C. § 1503(a) CLAIMS

Before the Court is the motion of Plaintiffs Amalia Ramirez Castelano, Sofia Elizabeth Lopez, and J.S., a minor by and through his next friend Sonia Raquel Cantu-Sanchez (collectively, the "Plaintiffs"), for an order severing their individual claims brought under 8 U.S.C. § 1503(a) from the other claims brought as part of their class action complaint..

On consideration of same, it is hereby ORDERED that said motion be, and hereby is, GRANTED.

It is further ORDERED that said claims be severed, and the Clerk of the Court is directed to assign a new case number to the severed portion based upon this Order and shall docket a copy of this Order as the first entry. Because the Docket for Case No. CA M-08057 contains many documents that may affect the severed claims, the severed parties are permitted to refer to documents previously filed and docketed in Case No. CA M-08057 at any time and for any purpose in future proceedings on the severed portion of this case.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of July, 2009, at McAllen, Texas.

Randy Crane

United States District Judge