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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Board Legal Staff

**FROM:** David L. Neal <sup>DLN</sup>  
Chairman

**SUBJECT:** LIFTED – CASE HOLD – Retroactive Adoption Decrees

As the result of the publication of *Matter of R. Huang*, 26 I&N Dec. 627 (BIA 2015), I am lifting the existing hold (temporary suspension of the adjudication time limits) on cases turning on the issue of what effect should be given to retroactive dates of decrees of adoption for immigration purposes. Cases that were placed in the designated cabinets may now be adjudicated. Further instructions regarding the circulation of cases with this issue, as necessary, will follow from your Senior Panel Attorney or Team Leader.