

# United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 25-60250  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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FRANK DARWIN ARRIAGA-ARRIAGA,

*Petitioner,*

*versus*

PAMELA BONDI, *U.S. Attorney General,*

*Respondent.*

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Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals  
Agency No. A209 128 423

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Before KING, HAYNES, and HO, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Frank Darwin Arriaga-Arriaga, a native and citizen of Guatemala, petitions this court for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) dismissing his appeal from an order of an Immigration Judge (IJ) finding him not credible, ordering him removed, and denying his application for asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the

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\* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.

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Convention Against Torture (CAT). Arriaga-Arriaga also challenges the BIA's rejection of his claims of ineffective assistance of counsel, which it construed as a motion to remand proceedings.

Even with the benefit of liberal construction, Arriaga-Arriaga raises only general and conclusory arguments regarding the IJ's decision. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Because Arriaga-Arriaga has failed to adequately brief these issues, he therefore has abandoned them. *See Rui Yang v. Holder*, 664 F.3d 580, 589 (5th Cir. 2011); *Soadjede v. Ashcroft*, 324 F.3d 830, 833 (5th Cir. 2003).

As to Arriaga-Arriaga's claims of ineffective assistance of counsel, even if we assumed he complied with the procedural requirements set forth in *Matter of Lozada*, 19 I. & N. Dec. 637, 639 (BIA 1988), and that his attorneys acted deficiently, he has not demonstrated that their performance resulted in substantial prejudice. *See Diaz v. Sessions*, 894 F.3d 222, 228 (5th Cir. 2018).

The petition for review is DENIED.