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Changes

- 1. **9 FAM 42.63, Notes**: Small editorial changes or corrections throughout. More significant changes include:
 - 9 FAM 42.63 N3.1, Convictions in General, paragraph b NOTE: You should disclose to a K-visa applicant during the visa interview such information regarding the petitioner's conviction information provided by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in accordance with instructions provided by USCIS in the individual cases; and
 - 9 FAM 42.63 N3.2, Convictions Information and the Adam Walsh Act: subparagraph a(3): Solicitation to engage in sexual contact; paragraph b: If Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, approval occurred at a USCIS regional office abroad, you should return the petition directly to that office for possible revocation.
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