

Need immigration help?

Here's how to avoid scams



✓ Who can give you legal advice?

ONLY an attorney licensed in the U.S. or an Accredited Representative of the Department of Justice can give legal advice on immigration matters

- Find a licensed immigration attorney: www.aialawyer.com
- Find an Accredited Representative: <https://tinyurl.com/accredrep>

✗ Who can NOT give you legal advice?

Notarios, notary publics, form fillers, immigration consultants, and lawyers licensed only outside the United States cannot give you legal advice on immigration matters

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- Be skeptical of "lawyers" who reach out on social media or on WhatsApp.
- Be wary of anyone who tells you that you can only pay them by wire transfer, gift card, or online money app (Zelle, CashApp, Venmo, etc.)
- Be skeptical of anyone who guarantees an outcome (for example, getting a green card after 10 years of residence) or who says they have contacts in the government.
- Ask for a written contract which specifies the tasks the representative will perform, and be cautious of anyone who refuses to send one.
- Don't work with anyone who wants you to have interviews or biometrics appointments on a video call.
- Do not work with someone who tells you to lie or pressures you to pay quickly.
- Do not sign blank forms, because they can be filled out improperly by scammers. Always review all forms in a language you understand before you sign and submit them.
- Don't respond to an email that looks like it's from USCIS or the Department of Homeland Security that asks you to send money.
- Never work with anyone who threatens to deport or report their clients.

Scammers are impersonating lawyers. How can you tell if a lawyer is real?

- Write down the name of the lawyer, their firm, phone number, email address, and state bar license number.
If they won't give you this information, find another lawyer.
- Search on the website for the state bar association where they're licensed.
Do the details match what they told you? Use the listed information to contact the lawyer.
- Find state bar associations here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9m6u9wt>

Do you think you've gotten help from someone who might be a scammer?

- Take screenshots of everything and keep your receipts
- Contact Project End: ayuda.com | end@ayuda.com | (202) 387-4848

