

# DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IMMIGRATION FRAUD

In the United States, a notary is NOT an attorney and may not provide you with immigration assistance or legal advice.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Be aware of people and businesses that try to fraudulently provide legal assistance without authorization. Anyone offering legal assistance must be either a licensed attorney, an individual authorized to represent individuals in immigration matters, or a representative from an authorized nonprofit organization or clinic affiliated with a law school in Maryland.

## FIGHT IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT FRAUD

If you think you have been a victim of immigration fraud, contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General to ask questions or file a complaint. Victims of immigration fraud can suffer many consequences, including deportation, and may lose the opportunity to become U.S. citizens entirely.

By filing a complaint with the Attorney General, you may be able to recover any fees paid to the immigration consultant, reasonable attorney fees, and damages up to three times the amount you paid to the immigration consultant.

Fraudulent immigration consultants may also be subject to additional penalties and imprisonment. To learn more about this process, please call 410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023 (toll-free)

To file a complaint, please visit <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/pages/cpd/complaintmail.aspx>

Or send a letter or completed complaint form describing your complaint to:  
Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division,  
200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202-2202

### Resources:

#### ***Maryland Attorney General***

410-528-8662, 1-888-743-0023

[www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/immFraud](http://www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/immFraud)

#### ***Maryland Client Protection Fund***

410-630-8140

#### ***American Immigration Lawyers***

1-800-954-0254, [www.ailalawyer.com](http://www.ailalawyer.com)

#### ***DOJ Recognition and Accreditation Program***

[www.usdoj.gov/eoir/ra.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/ra.html)

### Community Resources:

***ACLU of MD***, Eastern Shore: 410-758-1975

***CASA de Maryland***: 301-431-4185

***Catholic Charities***: 410-522-2668

***Public Justice Center***: 410-625-9409

***University of Maryland School of Law, Immigration***

***Clinic***: 410-706-3295

For free copies of immigration forms: 1-800-870-3676,  
[www.uscis.gov/forms](http://www.uscis.gov/forms)

***The Office of the Attorney General is NOT an immigration enforcement agency.***

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