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“Notarios,” Visa Consultants, and Immigration Consultants Are Not Attorneys

“Notarios,” visa consultants, and immigration consultants *cannot* represent you in immigration court.

- “Notarios,” visa consultants, and immigration consultants *cannot* provide legal services or give legal advice.
- Bonded immigration consultants in California *can* translate information, get copies, and file forms.

Only licensed attorneys and “accredited representatives” *can* represent you in immigration court, *can* provide legal services, and *can* give legal advice.

- “Notarios,” visa consultants, and immigration consultants are not “accredited representatives.”
- The *Immigration Court Practice Manual, Chapter 2*, explains who can represent you. You can ask to see the manual at the immigration court’s filing window, or find it on the Internet at www.usdoj.gov/eoir.

Do Not Be a Victim of Immigration Fraud

- DO NOT sign applications or other papers that are blank.
- DO NOT sign applications or other papers that you do not understand.
- DO NOT sign applications or other papers that have false information.
- DO NOT pay money without getting a receipt, and be careful when people ask you to pay a lot of money for immigration help.
- DO get copies of all applications or other papers prepared or filed for you.
- DO check that an attorney or “accredited representative” can represent you in immigration court. (See *Chapter 2* of the *Immigration Court Practice Manual*.)
- DO report complaints about “notarios,” visa consultants, and immigration consultants to the California Department of Justice, Office of Immigrant Assistance, tel. 1-888-587-0557.

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