

# STOP! NOTARIO FRAUD

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**WHAT IS NOTARIO FRAUD?** **Notarios** are individuals who charge money for legal advice or services concerning immigration or other matters of law despite having no such qualification. They routinely victimize members of immigrant communities, charging money for unqualified services, or taking money only to disappear.

**STOP!** If you have questions about your immigration status, it is critical to seek advice from a qualified immigration attorney or an accredited representative about your specific situation.

**DON'T BE FOOLED** by notarios or other consultants who promise immediate results or special solutions in order to steal your money—sometimes charging more than licensed attorneys. If you are unsure if someone is qualified to help you, ask for proof of their credentials and keep a copy.

**BE PATIENT** and take the time to find the right help. The wrong advice could harm your chances of staying in the United States, obtaining lawful status, or becoming a U.S. citizen.

**USE** the American Immigration Lawyers Association's Find an Immigration Lawyer Search ([www.ailalawyer.org](http://www.ailalawyer.org)) to find a qualified immigration attorney. You can also find accredited representatives at [www.justice.gov/eoir/find-legal-representation](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/find-legal-representation).

**TALK** to a qualified immigration attorney or representative, **ASK** questions before making payments, and **REPORT** notarios who are trying to take advantage of you or your family at [de.gov/consumercomplaint](http://de.gov/consumercomplaint).

For more information on avoiding scams, getting the right legal help, and reporting notarios, visit [www.stopnotariofraud.org](http://www.stopnotariofraud.org).

