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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND PETITIONERS
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IMPOSTERS

In matters filed with USCIS, you may be represented by an attorney or an accredited representative of a recognized organization. Attorneys may charge legal fees - accredited representatives can only charge a minimal (small) fee as approved by the Board of Immigration Appeals. Immigration Consultants (even if registered under state law) are NOT eligible to represent you before USCIS.

The people and groups on this list are NOT eligible to represent you in matters filed with USCIS. We will not communicate with them in your case, even if they submit a "NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AS ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE" form (Form G-28).

DO NOT BE FOOLED BY IMPOSTERS WHO CHARGE EXCESSIVE FEES.

ABDELJABER, Majed	(TX)	
ACCIME, Gomez	(FL)	dba Haitian American Community Help Org.
ALFARO, Frederico	(MA)	
ALHALLAQ, Hnan	(CA)	dba Gateway Express and AA Gateway Express
ALYSHAH, Mahmood I.	(GA)	dba Alyshah Immigration Agency, Inc.
AMENT, Lloyd W.	(Canada)	
American Solutions & Services	(FL)	
AMILCAR, Pierre Andre	(NJ)	dba Amilcar Assistance Center
ANTOINE, Max	(NJ)	
ARMENDARIZ, Hilda	(TX)	dba Aplicacion de Oro
ARMENDARIZ, Marcelino	(TX)	dba Aplicacion de Oro
BARON, Marie	(CT)	
BATEAU, Gerard	(SAJ)	
BAUER, R. Reese	(MN)	
BEDARD, Marie-Josée H.	(Canada)	dba Brunet Lawyers in Montreal, Quebec
BEN-SOLOMON, Amir	(MA)	dba Solomon & Solomon Consultants, Inc.
BLAKEWAY, Elizabeth Sutfin	(CA)	dba Manning & Sutfin
BLALOCK, Steven	(CA)	
CALO, Roberto Santiago	(SAJ)	
CARVAJAL, Carlos	(TX)	
CASSADY, Glen T. Sr.	(SC)	
CEJA, Carmen	(TN)	dba Ceja Enterprises
CESENA, Jose	(CA)	dba San Diego Legal Services Network
CHAN, Corinna W.K.	(CA)	dba Chan and Trust International
COLLADO, Cristobal	(NJ)	
CORDONE, Amy	(NY)	
CORR, Patrick	(PA)	
DAVIS, Don L.	(CA)	dba Don y Del Enterprises
DIAZ, Elvia	(TX)	
CUERO, Luis	(NY)	dba Eduang (herbal remedy store in Queens)
DOUGLAS-Gault, Julia	(SAJ)	

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DUPLESSIS, Delia	(CA)	dba Manhattan Legal and Business Solutions; Para-Legal Solution; Justice and Re-entry Foundation; Justice Foundation
DUTTON, Vernon	(NY)	
DZHAMGAROVA, Ilona	(NY)	
ESPARZA, Narce	(CA)	dba Esparza Immigration Service
FLOOD, Henry	(FL)	
FOLEY,	(TX)	dba Foley Enterprises
FRANCO, Ana Maria	(NY)	
GALLARDO, Fernando	(SAJ)	dba WelcomeUSA
GARCIA, Daniel	(TX)	
GERALD, Pastor Emma	(MA)	
GIROUX, Sylvain	(Canada)	dba Work Permits USA, Inc.
HAROON, Naim	(TX)	dba Sakhia & Associates
HATCH, Mike	(VA)	
HOLIDAY, William	(CA)	
HUSIC, Armina	(CA)	dba Asian Americans for Community disbarred attorney
JOHNSON-ORTIZ, Michael	(WA)	Hispanic Coalition
KASSE, Rosa	(FL)	aka Dan Mitchell, Dan Carol
KHYRALLAH, Najee	(NJ)	dba Christian Service Center
KIM, Rev. Joshua H.	(CA)	
LAI, Kevin	(MA)	
LE, Jose Luis	(MA)	
LIAO, Larry	(CA)	dba Boulders Immigration Services
LOPEZ, Pavlina Dimovski	(UT)	
LOZANO, Enriqueta	(TX)	dba Azteca Organizacion, Vaentino's Law Office and Notary Public, and Azteca & Valentino's
LYNN, David	(NY)	
MAXIMO, Maria Elena	(NY)	dba Jamalai Uagueha, Inc.
McDERMOTT, Clementina	(NY)	dba Ayuda Internacional Immigrante
MENDEZ, Jose	(VA)	dba Global Evangelism Task Force (GETF)
MINNELLA, John L.	(CA)	
MONDEL, Alex	(MA)	
MORALES, Francisco	(NY)	dba Eduang (herbal remedy store in Queens)
NAUMAN, St. Elmo	(NY)	
NELSON, Kathy	(NV)	
NORMANDEAU, Dianne	(Canada)	dba Global Transit, Inc.
NUNEZ, Andres	(SAJ)	
OWAD, Christine	(NY)	
PASQUINO, Angela	(NY)	dba Eduang (herbal remedy store in Queens)
PAUL, Niko	(NY)	d/b/a ALTRA Consulting Services, LLC
PEREZ, Yolanda	(TX)	d/b/a Nueva Unicion
PUENTES, Miguel Angel	(CO)	aka Miguel Angel Rosabel
RAMIREZ, Francisco	(TX)	
RAMIREZ, Robert	(TX)	
RASLAN, S.H.	(NY)	dba Raslan Immigration Services

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RIVERA, Edwin
RUIZ, Bemilda Linda
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SCHELL, Norka
SERING, Belen A.
SHAH, J.M.
SINENING-SMITH, Evelyn
SMITH, Fergus
SOLOMON, Amir Ben-
STIRLING, Terry
VALOROZO, Larry
VARELA, Marina
WILLIS, Thomas
WOZNIAC, John W.
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dba San Diego Legal Services Network
dba Lahore Foundation
dba Spartan Group

Primary Care Health Management Corp.
foreign attorney (India) office in NJ

dba Solomon & Solomon Consultants, Inc.
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W. Consulting, Inc., Advocate Group for Immigrants
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FACT SHEET

Important Information Regarding Attorneys and Accredited Representatives for Persons Seeking Benefits from USCIS

An individual or entity in the United States may choose to be represented by an attorney or accredited representative when filing applications or petitions with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The information in this Fact Sheet will help you protect yourself from becoming the victim of fraudulent activities committed by individuals posing as attorneys and accredited representatives.

Know Your Rights

If you choose to have a representative when filing an application or petition with USCIS, you may be represented by an attorney or an accredited representative of a recognized organization. A representative must also file a "NOTICE OF ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AS ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE" (Form G-28) along with the application or petition. In matters filed within the United States, only attorneys and accredited representatives may communicate on your behalf to USCIS and receive information from USCIS regarding your application or petition.

Attorneys

Attorneys must be a member in good standing of the "bar" of a U.S. State (or U.S. possession, territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia) and not be under any court order restricting their practice of law. Attorneys will check the first block on Form G-28 and must provide information regarding their admission to practice. The best way to protect yourself is to ask to see the current attorney licensing document for the attorney, make a note of the admission number if any, and to contact the State bar admission authorities to verify the information. A lawfully admitted attorney should honor your request for this information, as State Bar practice rules require disclosure of this information to clients. You may also access this information through the website located at www.nobc.org (click on the Ethics Link and then click on Bar Associations and Disciplinary Authorities).

Accredited Representatives

Accredited representatives must work for a Recognized Organization in order to be eligible to represent you before USCIS and file a Form G-28. They may be authorized to practice before the Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and/or USCIS. The best way to protect yourself is to ask to see a copy of the BIA decision granting official recognition to the Accredited Representative and Recognized Organization. Recognized organizations may only charge nominal fees, if any, for providing services in immigration matters. An accredited representative of a recognized organization should honor your request. You may also check the lists maintained on the website located at www.eoir.gov.

Important information regarding Notary Publics and Immigration Consultants

While other individuals (notary publics and immigration consultants) may assist you by filling in the blanks on pre-printed USCIS forms with information provided by you, these individuals may **NOT** provide legal advice or represent you before USCIS. In addition, notary publics and immigration consultants may only charge nominal fees as regulated by state law. Individuals helping you in this way are required by law to disclose to USCIS their assistance by completing the section at the bottom of a petition or application concerning the "Preparer" of the form.

How to Protect Yourself from Becoming a Victim

1. **DO NOT** sign blank applications, petitions or other papers.
2. **DO NOT** sign documents that you do not understand.
3. **DO NOT** sign documents that contain false statements or inaccurate information.
4. **DO NOT** let anyone keep your original documents.
5. **DO NOT** make payments to a representative without getting a receipt.
6. **DO** obtain copies of all documents prepared or submitted for you.
7. **DO** verify an attorney's or accredited representative's eligibility to represent you.
8. **DO** report any representative's unlawful activity to USCIS, State Bar Associations and/or State Offices of Attorneys General.