CHOOSING A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE

Only an attorney or BIA representative can give you legal advice. Use these tips to help choose a trustworthy legal representative and to avoid fraud.

Get a recommendation
- Get a referral or ask a friend
- Check legal directories: www.adminrelief.org/legalhelp

Check for credentials
- Look up the attorney online
- Check to see if the BIA rep is accredited

Check for past disciplinary actions
- Find disciplined attorneys and BIA reps on the Department of Justice website and avoid them

Identify areas of expertise
- Ask the service provider for their area of expertise and if they have experience with a case like yours

Stay informed
- Ask a lot of questions and make sure to keep the full name and contact information of everyone involved

Get a written contract & keep copies
- Get a copy of everything the attorney/BIA rep files
- Keep your copies in a safe place

Get involved with your local immigration organization!