

# 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](http://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!