

NOTICE ABOUT IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Only attorneys, and properly accredited representatives granted official recognition by the Board of Immigration Appeals, are allowed to assist you in preparing immigration documents. For general information about immigration and naturalization, go to www.uscis.gov.

For a current list of accredited agencies, go to www.uscis.gov/legaladvice. To find an immigration attorney who is a member of the Colorado American Immigration Lawyers Association, go to www.ailacolorado.org. To find an immigration attorney who is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, go to www.cobar.org/directory.

In many other countries, the word “notario” means that an individual is an attorney, but that is not true in the United States. Individuals seeking help with immigration questions should be very careful before paying money to non-attorneys.

Notarios, notaries public, and immigration consultants may NOT represent you before USCIS. They may NOT give you legal advice on what immigration benefit you may apply for or what to say in an immigration interview. These individuals may NOT hold themselves out as qualified in legal matters or in immigration and naturalization procedure and may only charge nominal (inexpensive) fees as regulated by state law. In Colorado, the laws regulating notaries public can be found at C.R.S. § 12-55-110 *et seq.*

If you have paid money to a “notario” or “immigration consultant” for assistance in preparing your immigration documents, you may be entitled to a refund from such individual.

If a notary public or immigration consultant has performed legal work for you, you should call the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation to [file an unauthorized practice of law complaint](#). The Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel investigates every complaint, and may be able to help you get a refund. The Colorado Secretary of State regulates notaries public. If you believe a notary public has acted improperly, you can also [file a complaint with the Secretary of State](#).