

# Immigration Law: Legal Representation

Immigration law is complex, and each case is unique. Incorrect legal advice and mistakes on case documentation can result in disastrous consequences in immigration cases, including deportation.

It is important to work with someone who is authorized to provide legal advice on your immigration law case.

## Work with Trusted Legal Representatives:

### Licensed Attorneys

All attorneys in United States must be licensed to provide legal advice and legal services. Licensed attorneys can give legal advice and provide legal representation.

- ✓ Ask the Attorney for verification of their **State License**
- ✓ Look up the Attorney with the State Bar for Attorneys. In California: <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/>

### Accredited Representative

Non-attorney working for a non-profit who is authorized by the Dept. of Justice to give legal advice and legal services.

- ✓ Ask the Representative for verification of their Accreditation
- ✓ Look up the Non-Profit & Accredited Representative: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports>

### Immigration Consultants

Immigration Consultants can help fill out forms, translate documents, and mail or submit forms to government agencies. They **cannot** give legal advice or tell you what forms you need.

- ✓ Ask the Immigration Consultant for verification of their registration and bond with California.
- ✓ Call 916-653-3984 to verify they are registered with the the State of California.

## We're here to help!

### Free & Low-Cost Immigration Legal Services:

#### Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano:

- Vallejo: 707-644-8909
- Woodland: 530-214-4081
- <https://www.ccyoso.org/immigration-legal-services>

#### Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services:

- 916-313-7604
- <https://www.sacramentofoodbank.org/immigration>

#### Northern Valley Catholic Social Service:

- 530-241-0552

### Office of Catholic Charities & Social Concerns

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### Diocesan Immigrant Support Network:

<https://www.scd.org/catholic-charities-and-social-concerns/diocesan-immigrant-support-network>