








“Fraudsters” who are not trained in immigration law are approaching Afghans with legal advice. When Afghans engage with these bad actors, it can cause legal status delays and higher costs.

Listen

-  **It sounds too good to be true.**
If their offer sounds unbelievable, exciting, or something you never thought possible, like offering you the promise of U.S. citizenship in less than 10 days, it’s probably a scam.
-  **They make guarantees or promises.**
Lawyers can’t make promises about how long it will take or guarantees about the outcome of your case.
-  **They offer you a legal service in exchange for a favor.**
Lawyers will never offer you an outcome or service such as writing a letter, filing an application, or getting government approval of your petition in exchange for a favor, bribe, or outrageous fee. Money is the only legal exchange you should expect to make with a lawyer for their services, but ensure you confirm the cost with an organization or someone you trust.

Ask

-  **Why are you reaching out to me?**
-  **What organization do you work for?**
For help, reach out to your local [state refugee coordinator](#) to determine if the organization is funded by the state.
-  **How did you get my contact information?**
-  **How do I get back in touch with you?**
Consider searching for their name and contact information on the internet.



Report a scam: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud)



How to find help: As of September 29, 2024, ILSAA is no longer accepting new requests for legal services. You may consult our [list of available resources](#) or contact your [state refugee coordinator’s office](#) for help finding a lawyer.