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FOR AFGHAN ARRIVALS

SCAM ALERT





How to Spot A Fake Lawyer


“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?**
-  **How did you get my contact information?**
-  **What organization do you work for?**
For help, reach out to ILSAAinfo@icf.com to check if the organization is funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, or get in touch with your local **State Refugee Coordinator** to determine if the organization is funded by the state
-  **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

 **How to find help:** Immigration Legal Services for Afghan Arrivals (ILSAA), which is funded by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, provides immigration legal services at no cost for Eligible Arriving Afghans. Reach out to ILSAAinfo@icf.com.



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