Protect Yourself from Immigration Consultant Fraud!
Hire only a licensed attorney or a representative authorized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) to give you immigration advice and follow these basic precautions:

- Ask how much it will cost for a consultation.
- Verify an attorney’s or accredited representative’s eligibility to represent you.
- Ask what the process is, how long it will take, and what the risks are.
- Ask how you pay. A monthly maintenance fee is a sign of immigration fraud.
- Require a written contract of representation and review it carefully.
- Get a receipt when you make a payment.
- Receive copies of all documents prepared or submitted for you.
- Do not sign papers that are blank or that have not been filled out.
- Do not sign documents that you do not understand.
- Do not sign documents that contain false statements or inaccurate information.
- Report any unlawful activity that may be the unauthorized practice of law by contacting the Virginia State Bar’s Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee:
  
  Ethics Department
  Virginia State Bar
  1111 East Main Street, Suite 700
  Richmond, Virginia 23219
  (804) 775-0557