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## PRACTICE AREAS

### BUSINESS

L-1 Visas

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Visas

TN Visas (NAFTA)

Special Visas for Other Countries

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Permanent Residence for Family  
Within U.S.

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### AMNESTY

## Beware of "Notarios" and Immigration "Consultants"

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Many people seeking to obtain legal entry or residence within the U.S. have fallen prey to "notarios" and immigration "consultants" who have no license to practice law and insufficient knowledge of the legal system to provide accurate and reliable assistance.

In some cases, victims have paid money for unqualified assistance, only to discover later that their efforts were not only ineffective, but harmful to their legal goals.

The American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") now offers to residents of every state a free guide to finding qualified legal assistance and to filing complaints against unlawful notarios and consultants.

If you have been harmed, you can also contact the Consumer Fraud Bureau of the office of the Illinois Attorney General (insert weblink) at (312) 814-3000 or (800) 386-5438.

AILA also offers a toll free hotline for finding qualified immigration attorneys at 1-800-954-0254.

You have the right to competent legal representation, the right to a contract with your legal adviser, the right to a statement and accounting for fees charged to you for various services, and a right to a copy of all documents submitted to government authorities on your behalf. You also have a right to be kept informed of your case status, and you should only work with someone who can provide all of those things.

For more information about the rights of individuals, see the Family and Citizenship section of our Website (insert link) or call us at (847) 564-0712 to make an appointment.