

REPORTING FRAUD & VICTIMIZATION

If you believe that either you or a member of your community has been a victim of *notario* fraud or any other unlawful or fraudulent practice of law, you should do the following:

1. Find Representation

The **American Bar Association (ABA)** and **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** will provide free representation against *notarios* and will work to find a lawyer to fight back.

ABA Contact: (202) 443-3363

AILA Contact: stopnotariofraud@aila.org

2. File a Complaint

Through local, state, and national offices community members and advocates can report fraud. For residents of Illinois, the following offices can launch investigations on suspected unlawful or fraudulent practice of law:

Chicago (City):

Office of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

Visit: https://servicerequest.cityofchicago.org/web_intake_chic/Controller

Select "Consumer Fraud – General"

Fill in "Street Address" of the fraudulent practitioner

Under the "Nature of Complaint" section select "Immigration Services"

Fill in the appropriate fields, you MUST provide the victim's contact information

Illinois (State):

Illinois Attorney General's Office

Visit: <https://ccforms submission.ilattorneygeneral.net/>

Provide the contact information of the complainant under "Your Information," can be of either the victim or the advocate; this information will not be public.

Provide information on the fraudulent provider.

Continue to Steps 2, 3 and 4 filling in the appropriate fields and selecting the corresponding options.

Finish and Submit

Call: Consumer Fraud Hotlines, follow instructions

Chicago: 800-386-5438 / TTY: 800-964-3013

Springfield: 800-243-0618 / TTY: 877-844-5461

Carbondale: 800-243-0607 / TTY: 877-675-9339

Spanish Language Hotline: 1-866-310-8398

Illinois State Bar Association

Visit: <https://www.isba.org/resources/upl/request>

Provide the Contact Information of the complainant, can be of either the victim or the advocate.

Explain the Complaint, fill out the appropriate information of the fraudulent practitioner. Submit form and supporting documents via email, fax, or mail to the ISBA-UPL.

Call: 217-546-3523, ask to submit a complaint

Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission

Visit: <http://www.iardc.org/howtorequest.html>

Download the Request for Investigation Form & Print

Provide the contact information of the complainant, can be of either the victim or the advocate.

If you are an advocate, ensure you indicate that you are filing on behalf of a victim of fraud under question 6, explanation of complaint.

Submit by mail or fax or in-person to the indicated places on the form. Forms cannot be submitted electronically.

United States (National):

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Visit: <https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>

Under "Select Category Below" select "Other," select "Click here for more options," and select "Immigration or Tax Services."

Follow the directions based on your selection of "How were you contacted?"

Continue to Steps 2 and 3

Under Step 4, "Consumer Information," the victim or an advocate can provide their contact information. If an advocate, ensure that under Step 5 "Comments" you indicate that you are filing on behalf of a victim of fraud.

Continue to Steps 5 and 6, submit complaint

Call: 1-877-FTC-HELP, follow instructions

Executive Office of Immigration Review

Visit: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/submit-complaint>

To report a fraudulently-practicing attorney or BIA Accredited Representative select "Complaints regarding Immigration Attorneys and Representatives"

Fill out the corresponding form "Immigration Practitioner Complaint Form"

An advocate may provide their contact information on behalf of the victim, make sure to acknowledge under the explanation of the circumstances and details on a separate sheet of paper.

Submit complaint via mail at the address indicated on the form, including supporting documents. Each document must have submitter's signature and the date.

Call: Fraud Program 703-605-1297, follow instructions