

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Attorneys and accredited representatives: check the person and the permitted forum

What is the difference between an immigration attorney and an EOIR-accredited representative?

Attorneys and accredited non-attorney representatives have different authorization routes. EOIR accreditation is tied to a recognized organization, and partial versus full accreditation has different forum limits. Check the exact person, organization and current authorization record before relying on a title. A notary, interpreter or form-preparation service is not automatically authorized to provide legal advice.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Start with the role a person actually claims.
- ☐ Understand the organization connection in accreditation.
- ☐ Check partial and full accreditation against the forum.
- ☐ Do not confuse a lawyer-only organization with the accreditation program.
- ☐ Clarify what support staff and interpreters do.
- ☐ Preserve the verification result and its limits.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

EOIR / U.S. Department of Justice: Recognition and Accreditation Program
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-and-accreditation-program>

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Source links (continued)

EOIR / U.S. Department of Justice: Recognition and Accreditation Program frequently asked questions

<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-and-accreditation-program-frequently-asked-questions>

U.S. Department of Justice / EOIR: Learn about legal representation

<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/legal-representation-icor>

Massachusetts official legal-authority resources: Official attorney research resources for Massachusetts

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/resources-for-immigrants-in-massachusetts>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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