

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

How to verify an immigration lawyer: identity, authority and scope

How do I verify an immigration lawyer without confusing a firm website with an authorization record?

Verify the actual professional who would provide advice, using the appropriate official authorization record and the exact identity supplied by the practice. Keep license research separate from service scope, fees and performance claims. A firm website is a research lead, and an individual lawyer's official authorization record answers a different question from a practice website.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Identify the person responsible for the proposed work.
- ☐ Match the official record rather than a similar name.
- ☐ Separate authorization from expertise and outcome claims.
- ☐ Define the institution and stage the engagement covers.
- ☐ Keep a dated verification and inquiry record.
- ☐ Use the publication's directory as a transparent research trail.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

U.S. Department of Justice / EOIR: Find legal representation
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/find-legal-representation>

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Source links (continued)

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

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

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

<https://www.calbar.ca.gov/public/find-legal-professionals>

New York official legal-authority resources: Official attorney research resources for New York

<https://askalawlibrarian.nycourts.gov/legalresearch/faq/367669>

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

<https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?ContentID=23462&Template=%2FCM%2FContentDisplay.cfm>

District of Columbia official legal-authority resources: Official attorney research resources for District of Columbia

<https://my.dcbar.org/memberdirectory>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

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