

March 2016 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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Fraud against Immigrants, Including the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL):

March 11, 2016 - Arrests made in 'pay to stay' immigration scheme at L.A. area schools (Los Angeles, CA)

<http://www.latimes.com/local/crime/la-me-school-immigrants-fraud-20150312-story.html>

March 11, 2016 - New York Woman Charged With Using Bogus Clinical Research Company as Part of Three-Year Immigration Fraud Scheme (Newark, NJ)

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/new-york-woman-charged-using-bogus-clinical-research-company-part-three-year-immigration>

March 9, 2016 - Fake lawyer who scammed immigrants looking for legal help sentenced to four years in prison (New York, NY)

<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/fake-lawyer-scammed-immigrants-4-years-prison-article-1.2558939>

March 9, 2016 - Brooklyn Man Who Posed as Immigration Lawyer Gets 2 to 4 Years (Brooklyn, NY)

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/10/nyregion/brooklyn-man-who-posed-as-immigration-lawyer-gets-2-to-4-years.html?_r=0

March 6, 2016 - Man charged in 7-state immigration scam (Sacramento, CA)

<http://mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/606941/Man-charged-in-7-state-immigration-scam.html>

February 26, 2016 - Former officer with federal immigration agency convicted of accepting bribes in large-scale fraud scheme (Santa Ana, CA)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-officer-federal-immigration-agency-convicted-accepting-bribes-large-scale-fraud>

February 26, 2016 - Miami Resident Charged With Orchestrating an Immigration Fraud Scheme (Miami, FL)

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/miami-resident-charged-orchestrating-immigration-fraud-scheme>

January 14, 2016 - Ocean Springs woman working as fake attorney sentenced to probation
<http://www.sunherald.com/news/local/crime/article54736520.html>

Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:

March 4, 2016 - Miami-Dade woman indicted on immigration fraud charges (Miami, FL)
<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/immigration/article64085197.html>

February 23, 2016 - Former federal law enforcement officer convicted in Illinois of witness tampering for hindering federal investigation into sham marriage (Chicago, IL)
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-federal-law-enforcement-officer-convicted-illinois-witness-tampering-hindering>

February 16, 2016 - Man charged in Lakemore immigration scam accused of stealing more than \$1 million nationwide (Lakemore, WA)
http://www.cleveland.com/akron/index.ssf/2016/02/man_charged_in_lakemore_immigr.html

February 08, 2016 - Fake lawyer who claimed Brooklyn Bar as his office admits immigration fraud (Brooklyn, NY)
<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2016/2/3/fake-lawyer-who-claimed-brooklyn-bar-his-office-admits-immigration-fraud>

Fraud by Individuals (or Businesses) for Their Own Benefit:

March 11, 2016 - Venezuelan exile activist accused of immigration fraud fires lawyer (Miami, FL)
<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/crime/article65478457.html>

March 8, 2016 - Woman charged in US visa fraud (Kingston, Jamaica)
<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/Woman-charged-in-US-visa-fraud>

March 1, 2016 - Irish national pleads guilty to misuse of Social Security number (Boston, MA)
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/irish-national-pleads-guilty-misuse-social-security-number>

Related Matters:

March 14, 2016 - Scams targeting immigrants (Delaware)
<http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2016/03/14/scams-targeting-immigrants/81784520/>

March 9, 2016 - Attorney General Kamala D. Harris Issues Consumer Alert Warning of Retailer Fraud and Scams Targeting Immigrant and Limited English Proficient Consumers (Los Angeles, CA).

<https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-kamala-d-harris-issues-consumer-alert-warning-retailer-fraud>

March 6, 2016- Immigration Scam (Blythe, CA)

<http://www.thedesertinde.com/Articles-2016/Immigration-Scam--0306.html>

March 4, 2016 - Fraud leads to evictions of undocumented immigrants (Dade City, FL)

<http://www.abccactionnews.com/news/region-pasco/fraud-leads-to-evictions-of-undocumented-immigrants>

March 3, 2016 - Georgia Legislature seeking to crack down on illegal immigration (Atlanta, GA)

<http://www.myajc.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/georgia-legislature-seeking-to-crack-down-on-illeg/nqcsq/>

February 28, 2016 - Immigrant Child Marriage, Often for Green-Card Fraud, Stirs Action in State Capitols (Virginia)

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/02/28/states-looking-at-new-laws-to-limit-child-marriage-and-forced-marriage/>

February 25, 2016 - Palestinian activist's U.S. immigration fraud conviction vacated (Chicago, IL).

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-michigan-immigration-fraud-idUSKCN0VY2KU>

February 17, 2016 - Defendant denied bail in Sacramento immigration fraud case (Sacramento, CA)

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article60928382.html>

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