

# Executive Office for Immigration Review's (EOIR) Fraud and Abuse Prevention Program January 2017 Immigration Fraud Reading List

#### **Benefit and Document Fraud:**

January 10, 2017 - Former wife of fugitive Chinese official pleads guilty to conspiring to commit immigration fraud related to EB-5 investor visa (Los Angeles, CA)

https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-wife-fugitive-chinese-official-pleads-guilty-conspiring-commit-immigration

January 10, 2017 - San Bernardino terrorist's brother pleads guilty in immigration fraud case (Riverside, CA)

https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/san-bernardino-terrorist%E2%80%99s-brother-pleads-guilty-immigration-fraud-case

January 10, 2017 - First defendant sentenced in N.J. 'fake college' visa fraud (Newark, NJ) <a href="http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/crime/2017/01/10/first-defendant-sentenced-nj-fake-college-visa-fraud/96397720/">http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/crime/2017/01/10/first-defendant-sentenced-nj-fake-college-visa-fraud/96397720/</a>

December 28, 2016 - Federal agents took bribes to let drugs, illegal immigrants into US (Douglas, AZ)

http://nypost.com/2016/12/28/federal-agents-took-bribes-to-let-drugs-illegal-immigrants-into-us/

December 21, 2016 - Massachusetts woman sentenced for identity theft, benefit fraud (Boston, MA)

https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/massachusetts-woman-sentenced-identity-theft-benefit-fraud

December 20, 2016 - Bosnian national arrested for fraudulently obtaining citizenship (Grand Rapids, MI)

https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/bosnian-national-arrested-fraudulently-obtaining-citizenship



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December 19, 2016 - 3rd Fresno resident sentenced for manufacturing and selling fraudulent identity documents (Fresno, CA)

https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/3rd-fresno-resident-sentenced-manufacturing-and-selling-fraudulent-identity-documents

## Scams against Immigrants:

January 09, 2017 - Developer who risked investors' immigration status pleads guilty to fraud (Seattle, WA)

http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/developer-pleads-guilty-fraud-after-spending-immigrant-investor-funds-personal-n704696

January 02, 2017 - Vt. resort built on immigrants' investments used fraud, SEC says (Newport, VT)

https://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2016/04/14/vermont-immigrant-investor-program-operated-ponzi-like-scheme-regulators-said/7UV1Cj2ciZcjT5s6kJIp3H/story.html

### **Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL):**

January 08, 2017 – Former lawyer charged for posing as immigration consultant (San Jose, CA) <a href="http://norcalrecord.com/stories/511068661-former-lawyer-charged-for-posing-as-immigration-consultant">http://norcalrecord.com/stories/511068661-former-lawyer-charged-for-posing-as-immigration-consultant</a>

### **Attorney Discipline:**

 January 15, 2017 - List of Currently Disciplined Practitioners http://www.justice.gov/eoir/discipline.htm

### **Recognition & Accreditation:**

 January 15, 2017 - Recognition & Accreditation List <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports</a>