

# February 2016 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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

**February 11, 2016** - California Man Arrested, Charged for Adult Adoption Scheme to Defraud Undocumented Immigrants (Elk Grove, CA)

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-arrested-charged-adult-adoption-scheme-defraud-undocumented-immigrants>

**February 11, 2016** - Feds Charge California Man in 7-State Immigration Scam (Sacramento, CA)

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/feds-charge-california-man-state-immigration-scam-36876675>

**February 09, 2016** - \$30,612 Judgment Obtained Against “Notario Publico” Accused of Consumer Fraud (Phoenix, AZ).

<https://www.azag.gov/press-release/30612-judgment-obtained-against-%E2%80%9Cnotario-publico%E2%80%9D-accused-consumer-fraud>

**February 08, 2016**- Katy Couple Charged with Enslaving Servant (Katy, TX)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/katy-couple-charged-enslaving-servant>

**January 28, 2016** - Rhode Island woman pleads guilty in Massachusetts to 8 counts of wire fraud (Worcester, Mass)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/rhode-island-woman-pleads-guilty-massachusetts-8-counts-wire-fraud>

**January 28, 2016** - Education Executives “Greedily Stole” From Taxpayer in Student Visa Fraud (Manhattan, NY)

<http://www.lawfuel.com/education-executives-greedily-stole-taxpayer-student-visa-fraud>

**January 20, 2016** - Wakefield man indicted in alleged immigration fraud scheme (Providence, RI)

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/20/wakefield-man-indicted-in-alleged-immigration-fraud/>

**January 21, 2016** - Federal Grand Jury Indicts Thai National in Alleged Immigration Fraud Scheme (Providence, RI)

<https://www.uscis.gov/news/federal-grand-jury-indicts-thai-national-alleged-immigration-fraud-scheme>

### **Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:**

**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>

**February 02, 2016** – Texas Attorney General Shuts Down Unauthorized Immigration Consultant Operating from San Antonio (Austin, TX)

<https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/news/releases/texas-attorney-general-shuts-down-unauthorized-immigration-consultant>

**February 02, 2016** - Court Sentences 3 Indian Americans for \$7.4 Million Student Visa Fraud (New York, NY)

[http://www.indiawest.com/news/global\\_indian/court-sentences-indian-americans-for-million-student-visa-fraud/article\\_c6ebae32-c9e8-11e5-b9ff-d73f37dce71a.html](http://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/court-sentences-indian-americans-for-million-student-visa-fraud/article_c6ebae32-c9e8-11e5-b9ff-d73f37dce71a.html)

**February 03, 2016** - Rhode Island woman admits to fraud in immigration scheme (Boston, MA)

<http://www.abc6.com/story/31090891/rhode-island-woman-admits-to-fraud-in-immigration-scheme>

**January 29, 2016** - Los Angeles paralegal convicted in Alameda County immigration fraud case (Oakland, CA)

<http://kron4.com/2016/01/29/los-angeles-paralegal-convicted-in-alameda-county-immigration-fraud-case/>

**January 15, 2016** - SEC visa fraud case rocks Florida city's downtown dream (Port St. Lucie)

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/c53719d8268844dbb6d26b099d3885a5/sec-visa-fraud-case-rocks-florida-citys-downtown-dream>

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

**January 15, 2016** - Naperville Man Charged with Immigration Fraud (Chicago, IL)

<https://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2016/naperville-man-charged-with-immigration-fraud>

**January 15, 2016** - South Portland man convicted on fraud, firearms and false statement charges (Portland, OR)

[http://www.keepmecurrent.com/current/news/south-portland-man-convicted-on-fraud-firearms-and-false-statement/article\\_2c639cb2-bb92-11e5-947e-23a49aa9b53a.html](http://www.keepmecurrent.com/current/news/south-portland-man-convicted-on-fraud-firearms-and-false-statement/article_2c639cb2-bb92-11e5-947e-23a49aa9b53a.html)

#### **Related Matters:**

**February 10, 2016** - Comprehensive guide to help crack down on “Notario” fraud (Syosset, NY)  
[http://www.longislandwins.com/news/detail/comprehensive\\_guide\\_to\\_help\\_crack\\_down\\_on\\_notario\\_fraud](http://www.longislandwins.com/news/detail/comprehensive_guide_to_help_crack_down_on_notario_fraud)

**February 06, 2016** - \$15m scam revealed: US pair try to hoodwink Immigration NZ (New Zealand)  
[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=11585418](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11585418)

**February 05, 2016** - US approves extradition to Spain of former Salvadoran army officer (Europe)  
[http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/us-approves-extradition-to-spain-of-former-salvadoran-army-officer\\_437292.html](http://en.europeonline-magazine.eu/us-approves-extradition-to-spain-of-former-salvadoran-army-officer_437292.html)

**January 23, 2016** - DHS policy restricting use of social media for investigative purposes exceedingly dangerous (Washington, D.C.)  
<http://highlandcountypress.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=22&ArticleID=31193>

**January 15, 2016** - USCIS Plays Critical Role in Investigation Leading to the Arrest of New York Immigration Attorney for Immigration Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft (New York, NY)  
<https://www.uscis.gov/news/uscis-plays-critical-role-investigation-leading-arrest-new-york-immigration-attorney-immigration-fraud-and-aggravated-identity-theft>

**January 15, 2016**- Deerfield Beach construction company employees accused of millions in fraud (Deerfield Beach, FL).  
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/crime/fl-deerfield-workers-comp-fraud-20160115-story.html>

#### **Attorney Discipline:**

**February 05, 2016** - Suspended attorney gets 18 months in prison (Detroit, MI)  
<http://www.macombdaily.com/article/MD/20160205/NEWS/160209769>

**January 14, 2016** - NY Immigration Atty Arrested On Fraud, Identity Theft (New York, NY)  
<http://www.law360.com/articles/746950/ny-immigration-atty-arrested-on-fraud-identity-theft>

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