

## June 2016 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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

June 8, 2016 - Washington resident charged with immigration fraud scheme targeting Vietnamese community (Hartford, CT)

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/washington-resident-charged-immigration-fraud-scheme-targeting-vietnamese-community>

June 8, 2016 - SEC accuses California couple of bilking immigrant EB-5 investors (CA)

<http://www.corpcounsel.com/id=1202759532202/SEC-Accuses-California-Couple-of-Bilking-Immigrant-EB5-Investors#ixzz4B12ZOMF8>

June 3, 2016 - Seattle-area drywall company owner sentenced for immigration violations (Seattle WA)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/seattle-area-drywall-company-owner-sentenced-immigration-violations>

June 3, 2016 - SEC charges couple with fraud in Chinese investor visa scheme (CA)

<http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/latestnews/2016/06/02/US-SEC-charges-couple-fraud-Chinese-investor-visa-scheme>

May 26, 2016 – Louisiana man pleads guilty to defrauding illegal immigrants (Baton Rouge, LA)

<http://gazette.com/louisiana-man-pleads-guilty-to-defrauding-illegal-immigrants/article/feed/354322>

May 26, 2016 - Buzzfeed on the latest diploma mill immigration fraud (Fremont, CA)

<http://new.vdare.com/posts/buzzfeed-on-the-latest-diploma-mill-immigration-fraud>

May 18, 2016 - Ski resort owner hit with \$200m EB-5 scam suit (New York, NY)

[http://www.law360.com/articles/797750?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=articles\\_search](http://www.law360.com/articles/797750?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=articles_search)

See also:

May 27, 2016 - Foreign investors left in immigration limbo as officials investigate EB-5 fraud (North Troy, Vermont)

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/foreign-investors-left-immigration-limbo-officials-investigate-eb-5-fraud#stream/0>

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

June 2, 2016 - Members of Carrollton consultation company sentenced for fraud (Dallas, TX)

[http://starlocalmedia.com/carrolltonleader/members-of-carrollton-consultation-company-sentenced-for-fraud/article\\_e4419e8c-29ca-11e6-b557-cb728044ad1a.html](http://starlocalmedia.com/carrolltonleader/members-of-carrollton-consultation-company-sentenced-for-fraud/article_e4419e8c-29ca-11e6-b557-cb728044ad1a.html)

May 28, 2016 - Pleasanton woman indicted for alleged visa fraud ring One of 4 defendants accused of submitting 100 fraudulent H-1B visa applications (Pleasanton, CA)

<http://pleasantonweekly.com/news/2016/05/26/pleasanton-woman-indicted-for-alleged-visa-fraud-ring>

May 19, 2016 - Police officer, lawyer among 19 facing immigration charges (Jackson, MS)

<http://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Police-officer-lawyer-among-19-facing-7720667.php>

May 11, 2016 - Colo. immigration business fined for fraud (Denver, CO)

<http://www.denverpost.com/2010/05/11/colo-immigration-business-fined-for-fraud/>

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

May 26, 2016 - Georgia man convicted of immigration fraud for failing to disclose role in Bosnian prison camp (Loganville, GA)

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/georgia-man-convicted-immigration-fraud-failing-disclose-role-bosnian-prison-camp>

See also:

May 25, 2016 - Loganville man accused of war crimes convicted by federal jury (Loganville, GA)

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/loganville-man-accused-of-war-crimes-convicted-by-/nrS8J/>

#### **Related Matters:**

June 7, 2016 - Congress asks how accused war criminal became airport guard (Washington, DC)

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/06/07/politics/accused-war-criminal-airport-guard-congress/index.html>

June 3, 2016 - ICE partners with Europol to combat document forgery and migrant smuggling (Washington, DC)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-partners-europol-combat-document-forgery-and-migrant-smuggling>

June 2, 2016 - Immigrant advocates work to fight 'Notary Fraud' (WA)

<http://nwpr.org/post/immigrant-advocates-work-fight-notary-fraud>

May 26, 2016 - New Colorado law cracks down on immigration scam artists (Denver, CO)

<https://www.cpr.org/news/story/new-colorado-law-cracks-down-immigration-scam-artists>

May 13, 2016 - Former customs official sentenced to over 3 years in prison in bribery scheme to obtain benefits for immigrants (Los Angeles, CA)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-customs-official-sentenced-over-3-years-prison-bribery-scheme-obtain-benefits>

#### **Attorney Discipline:**

May 09, 2016 - Jury convicts Chicago-area attorney of immigration fraud for falsifying clients' asylum applications (Chicago, IL)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/jury-convicts-chicago-area-attorney-immigration-fraud-falsifying-clients-asylum>

▪ June 15, 2016 - List of Currently Disciplined Practitioners

<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/discipline.htm>

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