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EOIR's Fraud Prevention Program

In 2006, the Attorney General called for the creation of a procedure for identifying and referring claims of fraud encountered by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR). Thereafter, the EOIR General Counsel, pursuant to a newly published regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 1003.0(e)(2), appointed an anti-fraud officer to direct EOIR's anti-fraud efforts and oversee the Fraud Prevention Program. The goal of the Fraud Prevention Program is to protect the integrity of EOIR and other immigration proceedings.

The Fraud Prevention Program promotes efforts to deter fraud and provides a systemic response to identifying and referring instances of suspected fraud and abuse by:

- Serving as a point of contact to receive information relating to instances of suspected immigration fraud or abuse, including fraud involving the unauthorized practice of immigration law. The Fraud Prevention Program receives complaints regarding improper activity by aliens, practitioners, and immigration consultants from many sources, including immigration court and Board of Immigration Appeals staff as well as members of the public. Complaints to the Fraud Prevention Program may be sent via e-mail to EOIR.Fraud.Program@usdoj.gov.
- Coordinating with, and responding to requests for assistance from, federal and state law enforcement entities and disciplinary authorities to ensure that cases of fraud and abuse are appropriately investigated and prosecuted.
- Coordinating with EOIR's Attorney Discipline Program in cases that call for the discipline of immigration attorneys and non-attorney practitioners who represent aliens before the immigration courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Department of Homeland Security.
- Conducting Fraud Prevention Program training for EOIR employees, and providing guidance and resource materials to staff on an ongoing basis.

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