

# Immigration Lawyer Information

Towson University and the International Student and Scholar Office cannot recommend specific immigration lawyers or law firms. The purpose of the below information is to give you somewhere to start in your search for an immigration lawyer.

- Find a lawyer who has knowledge of your current legal status: immigration lawyers usually have specific areas of focus, and may not be as familiar with your current status. For example, some immigration lawyers may work mostly with asylum applicants, and others may work largely on employment-based visas.
- Be prepared: have all of your questions ready before you consult with the lawyer, and bring all of your immigration-related documents with you.
- In the U.S., the terms "Lawyer" and "Attorney" are generally used to mean the same thing.
- Be honest with your lawyer: after signing a contract with your lawyer, everything you tell them is confidential.

<sup>3</sup> American Immigration Lawyers Association – Immigration Lawyer Search: <https://www.aialawyer.com/>

<sup>3</sup> US Citizenship and Immigration Services – Find Legal Services <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

<sup>3</sup> The Executive Office for Immigration Review (or the EOIR) is the Immigration court system, and is part of the US Department of Justice. The EOIR maintains lists of lawyers and organizations who are eligible to represent individuals in Immigration court: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports>, and the lists are updated frequently.

<sup>3</sup> List of Lawyers that are NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO PRACTICE IMMIGRATION LAW: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-of-currently-disciplined-practitioners>