



Finding Immigration Lawyers

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) does not represent individuals or provide legal advice in individual cases. We have developed this list of immigration lawyer referral services in order to assist your search in finding an immigration lawyer. However, NAPALC does not screen the referral services or the lawyers listed in the referral services. We make no representations as to the quality of services they provide or to the qualifications of the attorneys or organizations listed by these services.

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I. Referral services for immigration lawyers who charge a fee for legal services

Most commercial referral services charge the attorneys who are listed a fee to be listed in the referral service. They may or may not have additional criteria (such as being a member of good standing in a State Bar, the amount of fee the attorney may charge for consultation and/or services, etc.) for being listed in the referral service. You may wish to ask the referral service about what their screening criteria for listing attorneys, if possible.

[American Immigration Lawyers Association \(AILA\) - Immigration Lawyer Referral Service \(www.aila.org\)](#)

- Click on “Need a Lawyer?” It will take you to a description of AILA’s Immigration Lawyer Referral Service.
- Does not provide web search function.
- Call the Immigration Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 954-0254 or e-mail them at ilrs@aila.org and state your name, phone number, what kind of immigration lawyer you need (ex. business or family -based immigration, deportation or asylum), and the city and state in which you need the lawyer.

ilw.com

- Click on “find a lawyer.” It will lead you to a lawyer directory that you can search by area(s) of interest, location, and language(s).
- Provides brief description of the firm and a link to the firm’s website if one is available. It also allows you to email the firm directly from the search.

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Los Angeles
Asian Pacific American
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San Francisco
Asian Law Caucus

Martindale-Hubbell (www.lawyers.com)

- “Find a Lawyer” function on its website allows you to find a lawyer based on the field of law, city and state.
- Select “Immigration” under topic, then indicate the city and state where you want to consult the lawyer(s).
- Organized by law firms. Provides each firm’s address, telephone number and website, if available, as well a brief description of the firm’s practice area(s) and the firm’s lawyers.

Immigration Lawyer Directory (www.immigration-lawyers-us.com)

- Click on “Lawyer Search.” Lawyers are listed by state.
- Provides brief description of the firm, area(s) of practice, attorney profiles, and billing rates.

FindLaw: West Legal Directory (www.findlaw.com)

- Under “Find a Lawyer,” input your zip code or city and state. Then select “immigration and naturalization law” under practice area.
- Provides a brief profile of the firm and/or a link to the firm’s website where available.

II. Referral services for pro bono lawyers

These referral services provide links to organizations that represent low income immigrants for little or no fee. Each organization has different criteria for income level and the types of immigration services that they provide, so you will need to check with the organizations to see if you meet their criteria for assistance.

U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (www.usdoj.gov/eoir)

- Click on “Pro Bono Program,” then on “List of Free Legal Services.” That will take you to a list of pro bono legal service providers in your state.
- Can also click on “Need Pro Bono Assistance.” It will take you to a list of non-profit organizations and law school clinics (and their websites, where available) that provide pro bono legal services to eligible immigrants. This list is organized alphabetically and not by location.

LawHelp.org

- Powered by probono.net.
- Contains information to help people with low and moderate income to find legal resources.
- Input your zip code or state under “Help For The Public.” It will take you to a web page describing the available legal resources in your community.

- Click on “Immigration,” if available. It will lead you to links with a brief discussion of the specific issues (ex. deportation, family petitions, etc.). Then click on “Find Legal Assistance.” It will ask you to enter your zip code or county, then display organizations in your area that provide pro bono assistance to immigrants *if* you meet the organization’s criteria.
- It also provides a link to your local lawyer referral service, usually run by the State Bar Association.

asylumlaw.org

- Limited to individuals seeking asylum.
- Under “Information for Asylum Seekers,” click on “low cost (or free) legal representation in the United States.” Then click on “Search Database” and input search criteria such as your location. It will then pull up a list of organizations that provide pro bono legal services to asylum seekers in your area. However, it does not provide a description of the organizations.

III. Additional resources

[Asian Law Caucus \(ALC\), San Francisco, CA \(www.asianlawcaucus.org\)](http://www.asianlawcaucus.org)

- ALC is the nation's oldest legal and civil rights organization serving low-income Asian Pacific American communities.
- ALC holds four monthly immigration clinics. The on-site supervising attorney and various consulting volunteer attorneys provide advice through volunteer intake processors who, in turn, relay the advice to clients. It provides advice and referral for adjustment of status, asylum, deportation, VAWA, naturalization, and relative petition. Depending upon the case type, it may also provide brief service and client representation. Details are provided below:

ALC IMMIGRATION CLINICS		
<i>Where</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>How</i>
Oakland Cambodian Community Center 1900 Fruitvale, #3B Oakland, CA 95822	Every 2 nd Friday of the month	Contact: Cindy Hay 510.535.5020
Sacramento Southeast Asian Assistance Center 5625 24 th Street Sacramento, CA 95822	Every 1 st Friday of the month	Contact: Larry Khon 916.421.1036

San Francisco Asian Law Caucus Inc. 939 Market Street #201 San Francisco, CA 94103	Every 1 st and 3 rd Thursday of the month	Contact: Phil Van 415.896.1701
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Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) of Southern California (www.apalc.org)

- APALC is the largest organization in Southern California that provides Asian and Pacific Islander (API) and other communities with multi-lingual, culturally sensitive services and legal education.
- APALC partners with community based organizations and the legal community to provide immigration and citizenship assistance to individuals and their families.
- You can contact APALC at (213) 977-7500.

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) (www.napaba.org)

- National association of over 40,000 Asian Pacific American attorneys, judges, law professors, and law students.
- You can contact NAPABA at (202) 421-9039 or at ED@napaba.org.