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## **Crackdown on Notarios Continues**

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Officials from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (the "USCIS") announced this month that they are expanding the 2011 pilot program for crackdown on immigration scams that fraudulently promise immigration services to those seeking to enter or remain in the U.S. legally.

The USCIS says that scams involving immigration services have become increasingly sophisticated over the years, even being offered through Websites that appear to have some kind of genuine affiliation with lawyers or government agencies.

Many times these scams are offered up by people calling themselves "notarios," which connotes to some foreigners a kind of legal auspices in their home countries that does not apply in the U.S.

The expanded crackdown will also feature an educational component aimed at training legal and undocumented immigrants to recognize potentially fraudulent services that cannot deliver what they promise.

The USCIS recognizes that many victims will not file complaints for fear of deportation, so they want to use education as a means to preventing fraudulent crimes by notarios.

If either you or a family member needs help with a visa or green card, do not rely upon "consultants" who tell you they are cheaper and faster than lawyers. Instead, let us help you to succeed legally. Just call our offices at (847) 564-0712 to schedule an appointment and/or check out the pertinent section of <u>our Website</u> for more information on how we can be of assistance.