

# IMMIGRATION LEGAL RESOURCES

UMB recognizes that some international students or scholars may have specific questions about their status that is beyond the expertise of UMB and campus officials. The following resources can help students and scholars find competent legal representation (sometimes at low or no cost):

## Do I Really Need a Lawyer?

Before contacting a lawyer regarding an immigration issue,

- Speak with your OIS adviser to confirm that your questions are about immigration issues.
- Visit the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service \(USCIS\) website](#) where you will find answers to many of your questions.

## How Do I Find the Name of a Lawyer?

- Check the [American Immigration Lawyers Association \(AILA\) Immigration Lawyer Referral Service](#).
- Call your local bar association lawyer referral service. In Maryland, contact the [Maryland State Bar Association Referral Service](#).
- [USCIS Find Legal Services Webpage](#).
- [Board of Immigration Appeals \(BIA\) listing of attorneys who provide immigration services either free or for little cost](#).
- [National Immigration Legal Services Directory](#).
- [Immigration Law Help](#) - an online directory of nearly 1,000 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states.

## How Do I Choose a Lawyer?

- Before choosing a lawyer, call the offices of the lawyers on your list, briefly explain your legal problem and ask:
  - Are you specialized and/or experienced in my type of problem?
  - Do you charge a flat rate or hourly fee for this type of work?
  - Can you give me an estimate of the cost?
  - Can you estimate the amount of time it will take?

## What should I consider before choosing a lawyer?

- Can you communicate effectively with the lawyer? Was the lawyer clear and easy to understand? Are the fees reasonable in comparison with other lawyers' charges?
- Did the lawyer clearly explain how she or he will keep you informed of progress in your case?
- If you are not satisfied with this lawyer, do not hire him or her. Look elsewhere for legal help.
- Before you finally sign a contract with a lawyer, read it carefully. Make sure you understand it.
- Everything you and the lawyer agreed to should be in writing.

# Organizations Offering Free or Low-cost Immigration Services

## Prepared by the [Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice](#)

### **Annapolis Immigration Justice Network (AIJN)**

- **Phone:** 4432039175
- **Email:** info@aijnetwork.org
- **Service Area:** Anne Arundel County
- **Services:** Unaccompanied and separated children; families fleeing violence

### **Amica Center for Immigrant Rights**

- **Phone:** 2022013329
- **Service Area:** Washington, DC & Baltimore
- **Services:** Adults in detention centers; youth legal services

### **Ayuda**

- **DC:** 2023874848
- **MD:** 2405940600
- **VA:** 7034447009
- **Service Area:** DC, Maryland, Virginia
- **Services:** Free clinics for brief immigration advice and referrals (call 2027875311 on January 31 between 10am–2pm)

### **CARECEN**

- **Phone:** 2023289799
- **Email:** info@carecendc.org
- **Service Area:** Washington, DC
- **Services:** Consultations

### **Catholic Charities of Baltimore (Esperanza Center)**

- **Phone:** 6676002922
- **Email:** ilsinfo@carecendc.org
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** \$100 consultations for Maryland residents by appointment; free for survivors of crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking

### **Catholic Charities of Washington**

- **Phone:** 6676002922
- **Email:** GetHelp@cc-dc.org
- **Service Area:** Washington, DC
- **Services:** Virtual consultations

### **Center for Help**

- **Service Area:** Anne Arundel County
- **Services:** Free legal advice and referrals from attorneys

## **IOSC**

- **Phone:** 4103238564
- **Email:** mary@ioscbaltimore.org
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** Wednesday immigration consultations (\$90); registration required between 9:30–11:30am

## **KIND Baltimore**

- **Phone:** 4434709437
- **Email:** infobaltimore@supportkind.org
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** Legal services for minor children only

## **Organization of Hispanic Latin Americans (OHLA)**

- **Phone:** 4102694421
- **Email:** info@ohlamd.org
- **Service Area:** Annapolis
- **Services:** Walkin hours Thursdays 9am–12pm; free legal consultation and assistance with USCIS documents

## **Pro Bono Resource Center**

- **Phone:** 6678995741
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** Free consultations for removal proceedings

## **Tahirih Justice Center**

- **Phone:** 8665750071
- **Email:** Baltimore@tahirih.org
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** Support for immigrant survivors of gender-based violence; safety planning

## **UMD SAFE Center**

- **Phone:** 3013147233
- **Email:** safecenter@umaryland.edu
- **Service Area:** Baltimore
- **Services:** Referrals and legal assistance for U visas, T visas, asylum, SIJS, and VAWA

## **World Relief Baltimore Immigration Legal Clinic**

- **Text:** 6013897535
- **Call:** 4102440002
- **Email:** BISO@wr.org
- **Service Area:** Towson
- **Services:** \$85 Zoom and in person consultations

## Private Attorneys Offering Free or Low-Cost Immigration Services

### **Ježić & Moyses, LLC (Himedes Chicas, Tamara Ježić)**

- **Phone:** 2402927200
- **Website:** [www.jezicfirm.com](http://www.jezicfirm.com)
- **Email:** hchicas@jezicfirm.com
- **Location:** Wheaton, MD

### **Cardona & Elliott, LLC**

- **Phone:** 3014585603
- **Email:** mcardona@cardonaelliottlegal.com
- **Location:** Laurel, MD

### **Ninan & Vibriesca Law, LLC**

- **Phone:** 3015314161
- **Email:** contact@nvimmigrationlaw.com
- **Location:** Greenbelt, MD

### **Julia M. Toro Law Firm, LLC**

- **Phone:** 2024678340
- **Email:** info@torolawfirm.com
- **Location:** Washington, DC

### **My MD Legal (Adam Crandell, Rachel Girod, Rachael Savage, Lauren Wilhelm)**

- **Phone:** 4435594384
- **Website:** <https://www.mymdlegal.com/>
- **Email:** adam@mymdlegal.com
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

### **Kate Stenlake**

- **Phone:** 4108813821
- **Email:** kate@stenlakelawoffice.com
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

### **Hayley Tamburello**

- **Phone:** 9739708111
- **Website:** [www.htimmigrationlaw.com](http://www.htimmigrationlaw.com)
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

### **Timothy Woods, LLC**

- **Phone:** 4104562568
- **Website:** <http://www.woodsimmigration.com>
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

### **José Pérez**

- **Phone:** 3019801787
- **Website:** [www.josemperezlaw.com](http://www.josemperezlaw.com)
- **Location:** Frederick, MD

**Lucelia R. Justiniano**

- **Phone:** 3015803346
- **Email:** [Lucelia@justimlaw.com](mailto:Lucelia@justimlaw.com)
- **Location:** Frederick, MD

**Movahed & Fisher (Sara Movahed, Calvin Fisher)**

- **Phone:** 3016946400
- **Website:** <https://www.movahedfisher.com>
- **Location:** Frederick, MD

**Ricardo Murga**

- **Phone:** 3016587408
- **Website:** <https://www.salvadolaw.com/>
- **Location:** Rockville, MD

**Alison Brown**

- **Phone:** 3018916980
- **Website:** <http://www.alisonbrownlaw.com/>
- **Location:** Takoma Park, MD

**Mark Shmueli**

- **Phone:** 3012702640
- **Website:** [www.markshmuelilaw.com](http://www.markshmuelilaw.com)
- **Location:** Takoma Park, MD

**Christina Wilkes**

- **Phone:** 3015760491
- **Website:** [www.wilkeslegal.com](http://www.wilkeslegal.com)
- **Location:** Takoma Park, MD

**Grossman Young & Hammond (Sandra Grossman)**

- **Phone:** 2404030913
- **Website:** <http://grossmanyouth.com/>
- **Location:** Bethesda, MD

**Todd Pilcher**

- **Phone:** 2023281352
- **Website:** [www.dzubowlaw.com/team/pilcher.htm](http://www.dzubowlaw.com/team/pilcher.htm)
- **Location:** Washington, DC

**Ava Benach**

- **Phone:** 2026448600

- **Website:** <https://bprimmigration.com/>
- **Location:** Washington, DC

**Julie Soininen**

- **Phone:** 7038200550
- **Website:** <http://montagutandsobrallaw.com>
- **Location:** Falls Church, VA

**Wing Cho “Christy” Chim**

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- **Email:** win@beatdeportation.com
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Becca Swaintek Green**

- **Phone:** 4434028080
- **Email:** becca@swaintek-green.com
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Grace Benton Immigration Legal Services**

- **Phone:** 7034953686
- **Website:** [www.bentonimmigration.com](http://www.bentonimmigration.com)
- **Location:** Sterling, VA