

## Combating Immigration Services Scams State Action List June 9, 2011

Matter Name / Location	Type of Action	Date / Matter Information	Responsible Agency	Press Contact
State of Colorado v. Simply Done Immigration (SDI) and Joseph P. Corrigan  (El Paso County District Court, CO.)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act, C.R.S. §§ 6-1-101 et seq.	April 13, 2011: Complaint and Stipulated Consent Judgment filed contemporaneously.  April 15, 2011: Final orders entered.	Colorado Attorney General's Office	Mike Saccone (303) 866-5632  Press Release: http://www.coloradoattorneygen eral.gov/press/news/2011/04/20/ attorney general reaches settle ment colorado springs based i mmigration service
State of Colorado v. Immigration Center, Charles Doucette, Deborah Stilson, Alfred Boyce (El Paso County District Court, CO.)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Colorado Consumer Protection Act, C.R.S. §§ 6-1-101 et seq.	August 9, 2009: Complaint and Temporary Restraining Order.  April 16, 2010: Stipulated Consent Judgment entered against Doucette and Stilson.  May 11, 2010: Default Judgment entered against Immigration Center and Boyce.	Colorado Attorney General's Office	Mike Saccone (303) 866-5632  Press Release: http://www.coloradoattorneygen eral.gov/press/news/2010/05/11/ attorney general announces 25 million judgment against colo rado springs immigr

People of the State of Illinois vs. Martha Fernandez and Corrianne Chairez (Cook County, IL)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/1 et seq., Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/2 et seq., and the Immigration Services Rules, 14 Ill. Adm. Code 485.10 et seq.	June 9, 2011: Complaint filed.	Illinois Attorney General's Office	Robyn Ziegler (312) 814-3118
People of the State of Illinois vs. Calvin Meziere (McHenry County, IL)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act, 815 ILCS 505/1 et seq., Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS 510/2 et seq., and the Immigration Services Rules, 14 Ill. Adm. Code 485.10 et seq.	June 9, 2011: Complaint filed.	Illinois Attorney General's Office	Robyn Ziegler (312) 814-3118
State of Indiana v. Evelyne O. Casiano, individually and dba United Hispanic Caring Hearts 02D01-1103-PL-98  (Circuit Court, Allen County, IN)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, IC 24-5-0.5-3(a)(7) (failure to have a license).	March 9, 2011: Complaint filed.	Indiana Attorney General's Office	Bryan Corbin (317) 233-3970  Press Release: <a href="http://www.in.gov/attorneygener-al/2369.htm">http://www.in.gov/attorneygener-al/2369.htm</a>

State of Indiana v. Mexican Civic Associations of Indiana, Inc., and M. Ester Barber, individually 49D031103 PL 009040.  (Superior Court 3, Marion County, IN)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, IC 24-5-0.5-3(a)(7) (failure to have a license).	March 9, 2011: Complaint filed.	Indiana Attorney General's Office	Bryan Corbin (317) 233-3970  Press Release: http://www.in.gov/attorneygener al/2369.htm
Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General v. Latin Service LLC, et al.	Administrative Action: Administrative Statement of Charges.	June 1, 2011: Matter filed.  June 7, 2011: Ex Parte Cease and Desist Order entered.	Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division	Steve Ruckman (410) 576-7035  Press Release: www.oag.state.md.us
Immigration Forms & Publications, Inc., dba U.S. Immigration Center, Thomas B. Laurence, and Elizabeth L. Meredith  (Pettis County Circuit Court, MO)	Civil Action: Alleging three Counts of Unlawful Merchandising Practices.	August 30, 2010: Complaint filed.  January 18, 2011: Default Judgment entered.	Missouri Attorney General's Office  (Coordinated with civil case brought by the Federal Trade Commission)	Nanci Gonder (573) 751-5272  Press Release: http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/ 2010/Attorney General Koster obtains order prohibiting Sedal ia business from defrauding c onsumers trying to obtain im migration forms/

State of Nevada, v. Charles Robert Doucette, a.k.a. Charles Doucette and Charles Doucette, Jr., Deborah Stilson, Cybil Duran Berti, a.k.a. Cybil Berti and Cybil Humbolt, and Shauna Shaw, dba Telestaffing, Immigration Forms, Immigration Forms Processing Center, Immigration Forms and Services, Immigration Forms & Documents, USA- helpline.info, and/or Immigration Helpline  (Washoe County Justice Court, Reno, NV)	Criminal Action: Six felony counts of Criminal Racketeering, six felony counts of Theft by False Pretenses.	January 27, 2011: Criminal Complaint Filed and Search Warrant obtained.  January 28, 2011: Arrest of Doucette, Stilson and Berti.	Office of the Nevada Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection  (Coordinated with a civil case brought by the Federal Trade Commission.)	Edith Cartwright (775) 684-1189  Press Release: http://ag.state.nv.us/newsroom/p ress/2011/Immigration%20Scam .pdf
State of New Mexico v. Edgar Kranshuler  (Second Judicial District Court- Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, NM)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the New Mexico Immigration and Nationality Law Practice Act, § 36-3-1 et seq. and the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act § 57-12-1 et seq.	November 30, 2010: Complaint filed.  Default Judgment entered, and remedies hearing scheduled for June 28, 2011.	New Mexico Attorney General's Office	Phil Sisneros or Lynn Southard (505) 222-9174 or (505) 222-9048  Press Release: http://www.mag.gov/Articles/newsArticle.aspx?ArticleID=1100
Consumer Complaints v. Luis Morejon and Luis Morejon Services, Inc. (Albuquerque, NM)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the New Mexico Immigration and Nationality Law Practice Act, § 36-3-1 et seq. and the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act § 57-12-1 et seq.	June 1, 2011: Filed complaint in State District Court.  Negotiating preliminary injunction.	New Mexico Attorney General's Office	Phil Sisneros or Lynn Southard (505) 222-9174 or (505) 222-9048  Press Release: http://www.nmag.gov/Articles/newsArticle.aspx?ArticleID=125 2

Consumer complaint against Carmella Apodaca (Santa Fe, NM)	Administrative Action: Alleging violations of the New Mexico Immigration and Nationality Law Practice Act, § 36-3-1 et seq. and the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act § 57-12-1 et seq.	May 20, 2011: NM AGO issued Cease and Desist Directive.  April 24, 2011: Consultant entered into Assurance of Discontinuance.	New Mexico Attorney General's Office	Phil Sisneros or Lynn Southard (505) 222-9174 or (505) 222-9048
Consumer Complaint Against Maximo LLC and Sofia Marrufo  (Albuquerque, NM)	Administrative Action: alleging violations of the New Mexico Immigration and Nationality Law Practice Act, § 36-3-1 et seq. and the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act § 57-12-1 et seq.	May 20, 2011: NM AGO issued Cease and Desist Directive.  April 24, 2011: Consultant entered into Assurance of Discontinuance.	New Mexico Attorney General's Office	Phil Sisneros or Lynn Southard (505) 222-9174 or (505) 222-9048
Blanca Matuz individually and dba Immigrants Services, LLC  (Marion County Circuit Court, Salem, OR)	Civil Action: Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.	July 1, 2010: Settlement entered by the court.	Oregon Department of Justice	Tony Green (503) 378-6002

State of Tennessee, ex rel. Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter v. Martha Salazar, individually and doing business as Comunidad Hispana, a sole proprietorship owned and operated by Martha Salazar  (Davidson County Circuit Court, Nashville, TN)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-18-101 et seq. and Tennessee unauthorized practice of law and improper conduct statutes, Tenn. Code Ann. § 23-3-101 et seq.	June 1, 2011: Complaint filed.	Tennessee Attorney General's Office and Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs of the Department of Commerce and Insurance	Sharon Curtis Flair (615) 741-5860
State of Texas v. Estella Saucedo Cofoid dba Saucedo Latino Services  (District Court, Dallas County, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and Notary Public Act.	June 8, 2011: Petition filed.  June 8, 2011: Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; Dallas	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us
State of Texas v. Manuella (Nellie) Castro Aronce, individually and dba Aronce Center; Anna Lucia Aronce Mata, individually and dba Aronce Center  (District Court; Parmer County, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and Notary Public Act.	June 8, 2011: Petition filed.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; Dallas	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us
State of Texas v. Adrian Lara dba A&B Consulting (Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and State Bar Act.	June 8, 2011: Petition filed.  June 8, 2011: Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us

State of Texas v. Caridad Diaz dba Notary Public Income Tax Services (Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and State Bar Act.	June 8, 2011: Petition filed.  June 8, 2011: Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us
State of Texas v. Olivia Turrubiartez  (170th District Court, McClennan County, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and Notary Public Act.	March 22, 2011: Petition filed.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; Austin	Teresa Farfan (512)463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us
State of Texas v. Anna Trejo  (430 <sup>th</sup> District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  April 1, 2011: Temporary Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642
State of Texas v. Dora Maria Resendez, et al. (92 <sup>nd</sup> District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642
State of Texas v. Maria Solis (197 <sup>th</sup> District Court, Brownsville, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  April 8, 2011: Temporary Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642

State of Texas v. Emilio Zabala dba Azteca Immigration  (370 <sup>th</sup> District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  March 7, 2011: Agreed Temporary Injunction entered.  May 23, 2011: Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642
State of Texas v. Maria Alvarado dba Mary's Bookkeeping & Income Tax  (93 <sup>rd</sup> District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  March 23, 2011: Temporary Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642
State of Texas v. Fonseca Services, Inc. and Josefina Fonseca (275 <sup>th</sup> District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	February 22, 2011: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  March 7, 2011: Agreed Temporary Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us  Press Release: https://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagn ews/release.php?id=3642
State of Texas v. Buth Austin  (190th State District Court, Harris County, Texas)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act and State Bar Act.	December 14, 2010: Petition filed.  April 18, 2011: Temporary Injunction ordered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; Houston	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us

State of Texas v. Rhina Lilian Gervis (398th District Court, Edinburg, TX)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of Texas Deceptive Trade Practices - Consumer Protection Act, Notary Public Act, and State Bar Act.	June 16, 2010: Petition filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.  November 2, 2010: Agreed Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction entered.	Texas Attorney General's Office; Consumer Protection Division; McAllen	Teresa Farfan (512) 463-4501 teresa.farfan@oag.state.tx.us
GMC Training Institute and Maria Gloria Mendoza  (Yakima County Superior Court, Yakima, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	May 12, 2011: Complaint filed.  May 13, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432
In re the Matter of: Able Communications Inc. a Washington corporation, dba Agencia la Morena, and Greta Aitken, its principal  (Pierce County Superior Court, Tacoma, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	March 1, 2011: Petition for Assurance of Discontinuance filed.  March 2, 2011: Assurance of Discontinuance filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728
In re the Matter of: The Legal Helper, LLC, Washington limited liability company dba First Legal Services, and Michelle Ly, individually and as principal  (King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	February 1, 2011: Assurance of Discontinuance filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728

State of Washington v. Dolores M. Gaviglio, individually and as part of her marital community and Medical and Legal Interpreting Services, a Washington sole proprietorship (Yakima County Superior Court, Yakima, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	September 17, 2010: Complaint filed.  September 20, 2010: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728
State of Washington v. Frank Herrera, individually and as part of his marital community and Herrera's Services Unlimited, a Washington sole proprietorship  (Walla Walla Superior Court, Walla Walla, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	August 3, 2010: Complaint and Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?id=26098
State of Washington v. Adelina S. Esquivel, individually and as part of her marital community, and Immigration and Translation Services, a Washington sole proprietorship  (Yakima County Superior Court, Yakima, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	July 26, 2010: Complaint filed.  July 27, 2010: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelea se.aspx?id=26098

State of Washington v. Rod Williams, an individual, Nora Williams, and Immigration Services of America, Inc., a Washington corporation  (Clallam County Superior Court, Port Angeles, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	April 1, 2011: Complaint filed.  April 4, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728
State of Washington v. Irma Oliver, and Irma Oliver, a Washington sole proprietorship (Chelan County Superior Court, Wenatchee, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	February 17, 2011: Complaint filed.  February 18, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelea se.aspx?&id=27728
State of Washington v. Grosvenor Anschell, Samuel Betnona, Jona Immigration Services, Inc, a Washington corporation  (King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	November 4, 2010: Complaint and Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: <a href="http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&amp;id=26798">http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&amp;id=26798</a>
State of Washington v. Kim Nguyen & Associates, a Washington sole proprietorship, and Kim Nguyen Williams, its principal (King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	February 8, 2011: Complaint filed.  February 11, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelea se.aspx?&id=27728

State of Washington v. Oscar Hernandez, individually and as part of his marital community, Rosalinda Hernandez, individually and as part of her marital community, and La Voz de Skagit, a Washington sole proprietorship  (Skagit County Superior Court, Mount Vernon, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	July 23, 2010: Complaint filed.  July 27, 2010: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?id=26098
State of Washington v. Maricela Montelongo, individually and as part of her marital community (Franklin County Superior Court, Pasco, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	September 20, 2010: Complaint and Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728
State of Washington v. Juliana Perez, an individual, and Panamex Notaria Publica, a Washington sole proprietorship  (Snohomish County Superior Court, Everett, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	March 25, 2011: Complaint filed.  April 6, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?&id=27728

James Phair, individually and as part of his marital community and People Helpers and International Relations and American Assistance Service, a Washington sole proprietorship (Pierce County Superior Court, Tacoma, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	November 1, 2010: Complaint filed.  November 2, 2010: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelea se.aspx?&id=27728
State of Washington v. Susana Toledo, an individual, Servicentro Latino, a Washington sole proprietorship  (Snohomish County Superior Court, Everett, WA)	Civil Action: Alleging violations of RCW 19.86.020; RCW 19.154.	May 21, 2011: Complaint filed.  May 25, 2011: Consent Decree filed.	Washington State Office of the Attorney General	Kristin Alexander (206) 464-6432  Press Release: http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelea se.aspx?&id=27728
State of Wisconsin v. Credenciales USA, LLC & Hugo Loyo  (Milwaukee County Circuit Court, WI)	Civil Action: Alleging false advertising in connection with sale of identification cards.	December 6, 2010: Complaint filed.  April 15, 2011: Judgment entered for \$385,519.	Wisconsin Attorney General	Bill Cosh (608) 266-1221  Press Release: http://www.doj.state.wi.us/absolutenm/templates/template_share.aspx?articleid=2332&zoneid=13

## Additional Participation:

Responsible Agency	Action	Press Contact
Arkansas Attorney General	Brought enforcement actions prior to June 1, 2010.	Aaron Sadler (501) 682-0517 aaron.sadler@arkansasag.gov
New Jersey Attorney General	Currently investigating immigration service providers. Hope to announce enforcement actions in the near future.	Neal Buccino (973) 504-6327
Pennsylvania Attorney General	Seeking leads for future enforcement actions.	Nils Frederiksen (717) 787-5211
Utah Division of Consumer Protection	Seeking leads for future enforcement actions.	Jennifer Bolton (801) 530-6646 office (801) 652-8322 cell jenniferbolton@utah.gov