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# Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity



# **What Criminal Activity Can Impact Immigration Status?**

- **Arrests**
- **Convictions**
- **Probation Violations**
- **Reason to believe**

# **What is a “Conviction” ?**

**Immigration is federal law.**

**The meaning of “conviction” in federal law is different from the meaning in California law.**

**It can also have different meanings in different parts of the country (e.g. Los Angeles vs. New York).**

# What Consequences?

**1) Inadmissibility**

**2) Deportability**

**3) Detention**

**4) Denial of U.S. citizenship**

# Classifications of Immigration Crimes

- **crimes of moral turpitude**
- **aggravated felonies**
- **controlled substances**
- **firearms**
- **domestic violence**
- **DUI**
- **other**

# Possible Solutions

- **Immigration Solutions**

- Adjustment of status**
- Naturalization**
- Waivers**
- Other relief**

- **Post Conviction Relief**

- Motion to vacate**
- Habeas petitions**
- Writ of Coram Nobis**
- Expungement**

- **Prevention**

- Defending against immigration consequences at the time of plea or trial**



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