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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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