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## IMMIGRATION SVC PROGRAM AND IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES SUPPORT (ILSSP)

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Legal assistance in immigration matters encompasses a wide range of services and plays a critical role in helping individuals navigate the complex U.S. immigration system. Here, we will delve into the various areas of legal assistance and types of services provided:

### Areas of Legal Assistance:

**Adjustment of Status:** This legal process allows individuals who are already in the United States to apply for lawful permanent resident status (green card) without leaving the country.

**Asylum Applications:** Assisting individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States due to a well-founded fear of persecution in their home countries.

**Consular Processing:** Guiding individuals through the process of obtaining visas for entry into the United States through U.S. consulates or embassies in their home countries.

**Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):** Aiding eligible undocumented individuals who came to the U.S. as children to apply for temporary protection from deportation and work authorization.

**Employment Authorization:** Helping individuals apply for work permits (employment authorization documents) to legally work in the United States.

**Family-Based Petitions:** Assisting U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents in sponsoring family members for immigration to the United States.

**Naturalization/Citizenship:** Guiding eligible lawful permanent residents through the process of becoming U.S. citizens.

**Removal Hearings:** Providing legal representation to individuals facing removal (deportation) proceedings before immigration courts.

**Temporary Protected Status (TPS):** Assisting eligible individuals from designated countries facing temporary crises (such as natural disasters or armed conflicts) to obtain temporary protected status and work authorization in the United States.

## **Types of Legal Assistance:**

**Help Completing Forms:** Assisting clients in completing and submitting the necessary immigration forms accurately and in compliance with USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) requirements.

**Filings with USCIS:** Preparing and submitting immigration applications, petitions, and supporting documents to USCIS on behalf of clients.

**Representation at Asylum Interviews:** Providing legal representation during crucial interviews, such as Credible Fear Interviews and Reasonable Fear Interviews, which determine an individual's eligibility for asylum.

**Representation Before the Immigration Court:** Advocating for clients in immigration court proceedings, presenting legal arguments, and defending against removal orders.

Legal professionals specializing in immigration law may offer these services to individuals seeking legal assistance in their immigration matters. Their expertise and guidance are essential in helping clients navigate the complex immigration system, understand their rights and responsibilities, and pursue legal avenues for immigration status and protection.