CONSUMER ADVISORY

THE PRESIDENT’S IMMIGRATION ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINS PROTECTIONS FOR SOME UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

On November 20, 2014, President Barack Obama announced protection from deportation for TWO GROUPS OF UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE who have been living in the United States since January 1, 2010:

★ People who came here as children and meet other requirements may qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA.

★ Parents of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents who meet other requirements may qualify for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents, or DAPA.

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. **No one can apply yet.** People should be able to apply for Expanded DACA around February 18, 2015. People should be able to apply for the new DAPA program around May 19, 2015.

2. **Not everyone will qualify.** Being the parent of a United States Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident child alone is not enough to qualify you for the DAPA program. Being a childhood arrival is not enough to show that you qualify for the DACA program. You must meet other requirements.

3. **Before you apply for any program, get legal help.** Talk to someone who is qualified to give you legal advice, such as an immigration attorney. Look on www.ailalawyer.com to find an immigration lawyer near you.

4. **Submitting the wrong information can ruin your chances of being granted Deferred Action.** Make sure all the information and documentation is true and correct. You can start collecting supporting documents now.

5. **Don’t get scammed.** There are notarios and other unscrupulous people who are already trying to take advantage of this news. They will make you promises they can’t deliver on, and could make you a target for deportation. Go to www.stopnotariofraud.org for more information.