

# SEC OIG INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY



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## ***Immigration Attorney Sentenced to 30 Months for Visa Fraud and Obstruction of Justice***

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The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Office of Inspector General (OIG), investigated a California-based immigration attorney for allegedly obstructing an SEC Division of Enforcement (ENF) investigation, including allegedly interfering with a subpoena, providing false testimony to SEC ENF, and encouraging others to testify falsely, among other allegations. The attorney fled the country immediately after SEC ENF filed a complaint in 2018.

In March 2019, based on the OIG's investigative findings, a Grand Jury in the Northern District of California indicted the attorney and her business partner/ex-spouse on 14 counts alleging they committed visa fraud and related crimes to obtain immigration benefits for more than 100 foreign investors through the government's employment-based immigration fifth preference, or "EB-5," visa program. In [March 2025, the attorney was extradited from the Kyrgyz Republic](#) to face charges related to the indictment.

In November 2025, the subject pleaded guilty to one count of visa fraud and two counts of obstruction.

On January 27, 2026, she was sentenced to 30 months in prison, 2 years supervised release, and fined \$20,000.

