

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

Date: [Date]

To: [Defense Attorney Name]

From: [Immigration Attorney Name]

Re: Immigration Consequences of Criminal Charges for [Client Name]

Client Date of Birth: [DOB]

Alien Registration Number: [A-Number]

Dear [Defense Attorney Name],

Pursuant to *Padilla v. Kentucky*, I have reviewed the pending criminal charges against our mutual client, [Client Name], to determine the potential immigration consequences of a conviction.

I. Current Immigration Status

[Insert details regarding the client's current status: e.g., LPR, H-1B Visa, Undocumented, DACA, etc.]

II. Pending Charges

The client is currently charged with the following under [State/Federal] law:

1. [Charge 1 - Statutory Citation]
2. [Charge 2 - Statutory Citation]

III. Analysis of Immigration Consequences

A conviction for the charged offenses may result in the following:

- **Deportability/Removability:** [Explain if the charge is a Crime Involving Moral Turpitude (CIMT), Aggravated Felony, Controlled Substance violation, etc.]
- **Inadmissibility:** [Explain if the conviction will prevent the client from re-entering the U.S. or adjusting status.]
- **Mandatory Detention:** [Explain if the client will be held without bond by ICE upon completion of sentence.]
- **Eligibility for Relief:** [Explain if the conviction bars Asylum, Cancellation of Removal, or Naturalization.]

IV. Recommended Defense Strategy / Plea Alternatives

To avoid or minimize the aforementioned consequences, I recommend the following negotiation goals:

- [Recommendation 1: e.g., Amend charge to a different subsection]
- [Recommendation 2: e.g., Ensure sentence imposed is less than 365 days]
- [Recommendation 3: e.g., Avoid specific language in the plea colloquy]

V. Conclusion

Please contact me before any final plea agreement is entered so that we may ensure the record of conviction is as immigration-neutral as possible.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Law Firm]