Chapter 5

Determining Possible Immigration Consequences Based on Your Client's Immigration Status

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The immigration consequences of a criminal conviction or other disposition vary largely with the noncitizen's particular immigration status. This chapter discusses and prioritizes adverse immigration consequences of a criminal disposition based on the client's particular immigration status. For the purposes of presenting the various immigration consequences, noncitizens are divided into five broad categories:

- Lawful permanent residents (LPRs) (see § 5.1)
- Refugees (who have not yet obtained LPR status) (see § 5.2)
- Persons granted asylum (who have not yet obtained LPR status (see § 5.3)
- Nonimmigrant visa holders (see § 5.4)
- Noncitizens with Temporary Protected Status (see § 5.5)
- Noncitizens without immigration status (see § 5.6)

These are the immigration statuses you are most likely to encounter, but they are not exhaustive.