

NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

Warning and Waiver

Purpose of this form:

The Immigration Legal Services staff of Hogar Hispano and its volunteers are committed to providing the best possible service at the least cost for our clients eligible for naturalization. However, in a legal workshop, it is not possible to provide a thorough analysis of all the details of a client's case. The greatest risk factors for you are the following: 1) criminal activity, arrests, trials or convictions; 2) previous immigration violations, such as prior deportations or denied entries into the United States and including any previously undisclosed violations, marriage fraud, etc. Some clients do not really know if they have convictions or previous immigration violations. **THIS IS A WARNING. IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE, ACCUSED OF A CRIME** (including a fight with a family member at home where someone called the police), **BEEN TAKEN TO COURT, SEEN A JUDGE, HAD TO PAY A FINE, HAD TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR BEEN ORDERED TO TAKE AN ANGER MANAGEMENT OR OTHER KIND OF CLASS BY A JUDGE, THEN YOU NEED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING THE ADVISABILITY OF YOUR FILING FOR NATURALIZATION. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN STOPPED, ARRESTED OR DETAINED BY DHS, BEEN DENIED ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES, OR IF YOU HAVE EVER LIED TO AN IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL TO GAIN AN IMMIGRATION BENEFIT, YOU NEED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE FILING FOR NATURALIZATION.** This naturalization workshop cannot provide in-depth legal consultations. No attorney can give you good advice without seeing all the documents associated with any arrest, etc. For any criminal activities, you first need to go to the court or police station in question and collect copies of all those documents. Then you should make an appointment for a consultation, either at Hogar Hispano or with any other immigration attorney of your choice. For immigration violations, you need to consult with an immigration attorney about obtaining your immigration records. **FAILURE TO SEEK SUCH ADVICE MAY RESULT IN DEPORTATION/REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU. DO NOT SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR CITIZENSHIP WITHOUT FIRST MAKING CERTAIN THAT IT IS SAFE FOR YOU TO DO SO.**

Waiver:

I, _____, have read the above advice and warning, and understand the problems I may face if I submit an application for U.S. Citizenship without first consulting with an immigration attorney regarding the effect of any criminal activity or previous immigration violations on my case. If I do not heed this warning, and file my naturalization application on my own, I waive any liability claim again Hogar Hispano, its staff, or its agents.

Signed _____

Dated _____