

**PROBLEM SOLVED**



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# After 20 years and multiple lawyers, Wilner & O'Reilly saves yet another family

for asylum based on advice and guidance from an immigration consultant. As a result, he and his family were placed in deportation proceedings, where they initially were represented by an attorney. The father and his family were not happy with their attorney and sought other legal representation. That is how they came to meet an individual well known in their ethnic community who held himself out to be an immigration attorney. This consultant promised our clients that he could help get their green cards and charged them in total \$28,000.00. He worked out of the immigration office in Los Angeles and his actions had some resemblance of being legitimate.

In reality, the consultant was a liar and immigration imposter. In addition to defrauding and deceiving our clients, he took advantage of countless others and cheated them out of thousands of dollars. Fortunately, he was ultimately caught and convicted of smuggling, making false statements to the government, counterfeiting immigration-related documents, mail fraud, and money laundering. He was sentenced to serve 108 months in prison and pay restitution.

Unfortunately for our clients, Mendoza caused a lot of damage in their case before he was apprehended. Among his chief violations were obtaining false

green stamps in our clients' passports and advising them not to attend their final immigration court hearing in October of 1996. Believing that they were already green card holders, our clients relied on the impostor's advice and did not attend their court hearing. Unbeknownst to our clients, they were ordered deported in absentia.

Our clients subsequently found out about the fraud committed by Mendoza and the fact that he wasn't really an attorney. They willingly agreed to assist the US government in its prosecution and testified against the consultant during his trial. During this time, the immigration authorities were very much aware of our clients' immigration situation, but allowed them to remain in the United States, especially during the prosecution.

In the meantime, the mother was sponsored by her employer in 2000. The required petitions were filed and approved. Subsequently our clients, including their then teenage son, appeared for their green card interviews in 2002 where, to their utmost shock and dismay, they were arrested and taken into custody because of the outstanding deportation order from 1996.

Our clients sought to reopen their case, based on their unique circumstances precipitated by the fraud and their cooperation with the US government, but

endured this lengthy battle. They were overjoyed, relieved, and tearful when the immigration judge issued their individual orders granting their lawful permanent status in the United States last week. Their efforts, time, and money spent litigating their immigration case have finally paid off.

Our clients' story should be a lesson of hope, persistence, and faith. Theirs is a happy and well deserved outcome. We realize, of course, that not every person can be this fortunate. We have clients who, despite their best efforts and diligence, may never be able to remain in the United States permanently because of their prior misdeeds or actions of others. In fact, some will only be able to legally stay in the United States if the law changes.

It is important to share stories of hope and encouragement like the story of our clients. We have seen miracles happen to those who had lost all hope and had resigned themselves to either remain in the United States illegally or return to their native countries. While reality can be harsh sometimes, in some cases circumstances may change and new opportunities can arise. New laws and legal precedents can be passed. And in some cases, persistence and diligence can be rewarded.

Therefore, having an experienced and diligent immigration

attorney on your side can make all the difference. While hiring an immigration attorney may seem like an expense not worth taking, consider our clients' story. Had they not unwisely sought the services of the immigration "consultant" (as opposed to an attorney), their immigration journey would have been so much different and much quicker.

At Wilner & O'Reilly, you can trust that a knowledgeable and experienced attorney will handle and work hard on your case. We will guide you through the immigration process and fight for you. Please call us today at (562)207-6789 if you have any questions or concerns. Consultations are free and we will be glad to help you.

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**ON FENG SHUI**



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## Dolphins release Tai Shui defeating energies

career, love relationships, or wealth potential, mantra charms that are drawn and empowered by a master have powerful results. A personal mantra charm can be drawn on delicate joss paper for you to carry with you in a pouch around the neck, a pocket, or a wallet. If kept in good condition, its power holds for a year.

Grand Master Liu has used mantra charms for decades and now implements them in his Chi Art for effective personal and feng shui adjustment. During deep meditation, visions of mantra charm diagrams come to life. The diagrams then transform themselves into symbols and images of plants, animals, nature, and the stars of the cosmos. It is clear to Grand Master Liu that this is

the universe's way of revealing special messages to him and he captures these stories and messages in his art and poetry.

Grand Master Liu's Chi Art paintings are unique in that each one has mantra charms encoded within it. In certain paintings, the art and mantra charm become one, and only through his description do the secret codes appear to the un-discerning eye. The Chi Art shown in this article, "Dolphins Release Tai Shui Defeating Energies" is such a painting.

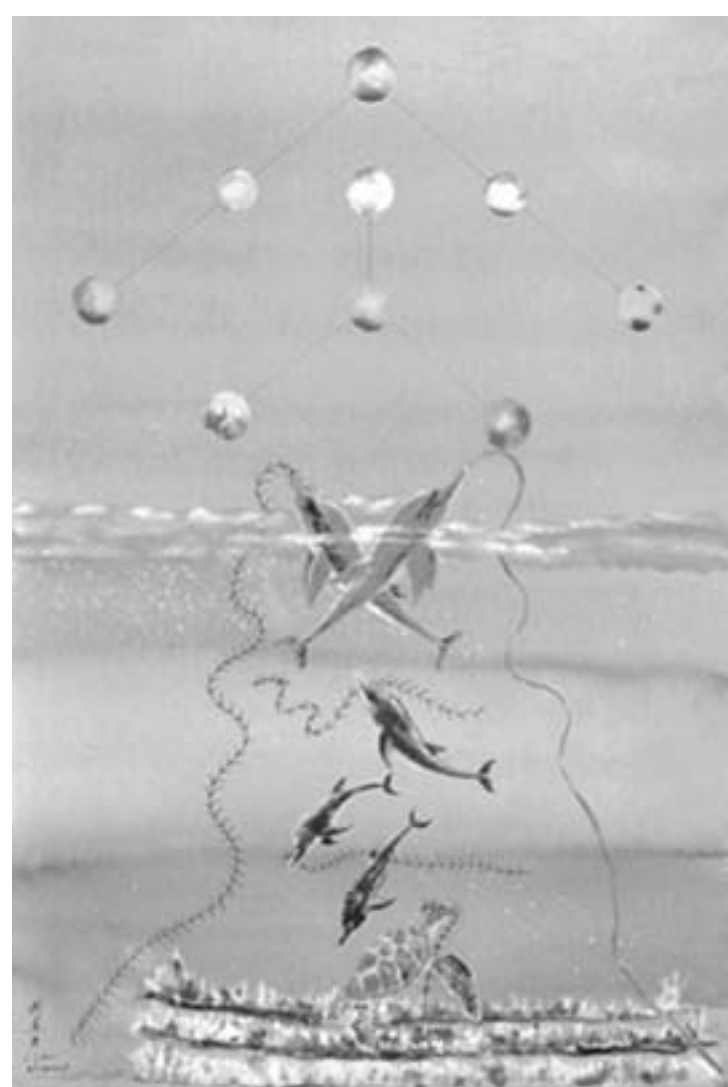
In Chinese, tai shui means the year of unstable or defeating energy. Each of us experiences tai shui in cycles every six and twelve years based on our zodiac sign. To alleviate these negative energies, a strong mantra charm is needed.

A prominent image in the painting is the dolphin. The dolphin is a magnificent creature. It is an icon of strength, understanding, enlightenment, and intelligence, reminiscent of humans. Dolphins represent harmonious living. In the painting, two dolphins cross their glistening bodies, demonstrating how working together allows them to reach the Stars of Productive Energy. They create a model for sustainable life on Earth. Beneath them, a turtle sits peacefully, glowing with life and free from disease. Under the turtle, a layered world of plants and micro-organisms serenely sway in the current. This represents a cross section of ecology in its strongest and most universal state.

This year, those born in the year of the Tiger and Monkey will experience their tai shui or year of challenge. They do well to hang this painting on a wall next to them or facing them in their room or office. The composition of the dolphins, seaweed, and turtle creates a mantra charm diagram used for releasing the energies of tai shui. When you behold this Chi Art, it triggers your subconscious to be calm and to make wise decisions that protect you from loss and to appreciate what you have. In doing so, you will vibrate frequencies that attract positive events into your life.

To learn more or to order this Chi Art, please visit [www.fengshuichart.com](http://www.fengshuichart.com).

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## Waiver granted, Naturalization next

ON MARCH 16, 2010, a Los Angeles Immigration Judge granted a fraud waiver to Immigrant Lester Lacuin which will allow Lester to keep his greencard and now qualify for naturalization (US Citizenship). This joyful event occurred only several months after the Department of Homeland Security began the process of attempting to deport Mr. Lacuin by issuing him a "Notice To Appear" in Immigration Court.

Lester's immigration story began nearly 20 years ago in the Philippines. It was then that he asked his United States citizen father to file a petition for him so he could realize his dream of coming to the United States. Lester tried to wait patiently for an available visa number, but he eventually grew frustrated with the long delay and got married. This marriage may seem insignificant, but it added several more years before he would be permitted to enter the US. However, Lester had already waited so many years for the opportunity to live the "American Dream." So, when a visa became available under the single status category, he decided not to reveal that he was now married during the interview at the US Embassy. Mr. Lacuin received his Immigrant Visa as a result of not revealing that he was married.

After consultation with Reeves & Associates (R&A), Lester retained the firm so he could obtain a waiver and become a naturalized US citizen. This kind of waiver for a prior misrepresentation is available for immigrants who already have their green card. This waiver will

excuse the original misrepresentation and allows the immigrant to move on with their life, naturalize and petition for family members. Mr. Lacuin was eligible to apply for a waiver because his qualifying relatives, mother and son who are US citizens. However, in order for Lester to be granted a waiver, it was also necessary for him to demonstrate that he deserved a favorable exercise of court's discretion.

R&A attorneys prepared Lester and his witnesses extensively for trial before the Immigration Court as well as preparing a well-documented waiver package (one's life story). R&A's Attorney Devin Connolly presented Lester's case in court, highlighting Lester's life story including community and church involvement, family ties in the US, and the various ways that he cares for his elderly mother which resulted in the court granting a waiver for Lester. Lester later commented that Atty. Connolly of Reeves & Associates did an incredibly good job in representing him. Immigration Attorney Robert Reeves said "I am proud of our team and the extraordinary results we get for our clients, and Lester is a real asset to United States of America."

R&A is pleased to announce that the Immigration Judge granted Lester's waiver request on March 16, 2010. Consequently, after 11 years of living in the shadows of life because of his misrepresentation, Lester can now become a US Citizen with all the rights and privileges of a US Citizen.  
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## Resorts World Manila redefines entertainment in RP

ALONG with having 7,107 islands to boast of, the Philippines now has another tourist attraction to keep in stride with tourist destinations worldwide. Asia's newest and most exciting destination is Resorts World Manila (RWM), a continuously evolving entertainment hub set to redefine luxury and entertainment in the country.

RWM is the first-of-its-kind in the country to combine lodging brands together with the largest casino in the country, as well as a four-level mall. RWM houses three hotels: the world-renowned Marriott Hotel Manila, and the country's first six-star, all-luxury suite casino hotel, Maxims Hotel. An upcoming project is the Remington Hotel, which will offer a comfortable and affordable stay within everyone's reach.

Maxims Hotel offers unparalleled luxury not only with its fine facilities but also for its personal butler services. Butlers are always at hand to ensure a luxurious and hassle-free stay by dealing with necessities such as dining and spa reservations, personal requests, and travel arrangements for its guests. The hotel has 172 suites, each equipped with state-of-the-art features such as LCD TVs and the Avaya Guest Media Hub which guests can use to receive messages, view the hotel direc-

tory, or order room service. All suites are lavishly furnished, with the hotel's villas featuring luxurious amenities such as a massage room, a private pool, a garden and patio, among others.

Thrill-seekers will be pleased with RWM's three-level casino, with over 1,000 slot machines and 300 tables offering Super Six, Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, and Pai Gow Cards, among others. High-rollers will find themselves in the company of equals with the casino's plush VIP rooms. To provide entertainment while dice are rolling is BAR 360, an innovative entertainment hotspot that features world-class foreign and Filipino artists. Performances range from divas belting out crowd favorites, pop groups to get the crowd grooving, and acrobats to inspire awe, among others. The bar serves cocktails, wines, beers, and an assortment of refreshments to enjoy while the performances unfold.

Gourmets will have much on their plate to sample and fall in love with at RWM's numerous dining establishments. One of which is Passion, a palatial dining destination that serves authentic Cantonese cuisine. Another is Ginzadon where two cuisines, Japanese and Korean, meet in one roof to please the most discriminating tastebuds.

For true blue Filipino cuisine, Mercado is there to serve a buffet of well-loved dishes to satisfy cravings for the familiar. All these and more, especially when the upscale The Newport Mall opens its doors to the public.

The Newport Mall is a four-level mall establishment that will play host to world-renowned luxury brands, as well as offer an assortment of amusement and dining options for the family. It will also feature premium cinemas, plus a 1,500-seat Performing Arts Theater that will showcase famed plays, performances and more.

In addition, guests who apply for membership will receive special benefits by earning points through the use of their RWM card in any RWM establishments. These points can be used to redeem fantastic freebies, great giveaways, and special services. Membership is free, and interested parties can simply drop by the Membership Counters in the casino area to apply.

It's worth noting that RWM is backed by some of the most well-known names in the entertainment and leisure industry. RWM is a flagship integrated entertainment project of Travelers International Hotel Group, Inc., a joint venture by Alliance Global Group Inc. a US Citizen.  
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