

Today I spent most of the morning researching USCIS naturalization and figuring out what to do to salvage a citizenship application that went off the rails due to what I consider malpractice on the part of immigration attorney. They basically dumped the applicant because 1/

they had agreed to a fixed fee and her case turned out to have some atypical issues to address. She has cleared every hurdle; all ready to be told when to take the oath, and they came back with a question that required access to info she does not have. Attorneys told her "get 2/

it"and when she could not said "then you'll be denied" and left it at that. I was pulled in; drafted a memo to USCIS explaining the situation; attorney said it was good (asked me if I was an attorney); committed to deliver by due date. So 3 weeks later she gets notice of 3/

decision she's denied because of non-response. Lawyer said he delivered, has time stamp to prove, would go show them and ask to reopen case. Now we are 3 days from the deadline to appeal and he won't tell us jack shit, wants \$2200 to do any more. So I researched, got the 4/

forms online, completed, drove to her house to get signatures, got a delicious batch of Syrian basbousa sweets, rushed home to get the bicycle I was almost finished adding a luggage rack to and take it to the overnight shelter to meet up with the recipient. When I got there he 5/



told me the church had 'volunteer problems" - meaning nobody to check them in, prepare dinner. They were being told to find a way to get to another shelter. Maybe pizza would be brought by midnight. I told him to get in and drove him to the other shelter (he was ready to ride 6/

the bike). It was a 20 min drive. Probably averaged 30-35. So maybe he'd have ridden it in an hour, gotten there after dinner. He was kind of dumbfounded that I just said hop in. Then moreso when I gave him top-quality locks I'd stopped at Ace for. I told him the bike he was 7/

getting would be a thief magnet and he planned to rely on it. Takeaways:

A. Immigration attorneys are leeches, like tax-prep scoundrels and real estate agents B. Volunteers whom 50+ people are depending on who then don't show up suck 8/

C. People at the absolute bottom of the economy are better company than any of A or B by far (committed volunteers are another matter entirely - great people).

That was my day. Is dotard still POTUS? I've been pleasantly distracted. -dbciii

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