# HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY ADVISORY FIRM

#### 5-STEP CHECKLIST

## (1) DO YOUR RESEARCH

Check for...

- Permanent business address
- Telephone number
- Company identification number
- Where required, a business license or a registration certificate

### (2) A PROVEN TRACK RECORD

Look for a company with a proven track record, experience working with different programs and nationalities, verified reviews, and genuine client testimonials.

- Does the consultant have a web and social media presence?
- How long has a consultancy firm been in business?
- Are they authorized to promote and assist with a particular CBI or RBI program you plan to invest in?
- Has the consultant worked with applicants or investors from your country?
- Can you obtain independent and verified reviews on this particular advisory firm? (Consider <u>Google</u>, TrustPilot, and similar platforms.)

## (3) CHECK THEIR NETWORK AND PARTNERS

Reputable citizenship and residence advisory firms should have an extensive network of partners in respective countries of CBI and RBI programs. Consider the following:

- Does the company have representatives 'on the ground'?
- Do they have a strong network of partners locally and internationally, such as independent lawyers, etc.?

## (4) CONTACT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY

If possible, verify the legitimacy and reputation of the business via the government. For example, in Canada, you can contact the <u>Better Business</u> <u>Bureau</u> to check for any official complaints filed against the company.

### (5) DON'T BASE YOUR DECISION SOLELY ON PRICE

Sounds too good to be true? Think twice, and do not fall for fraud.

- Does the firm charge a low service price compared to other consultancies?
- Do they offer a 100% success rate at securing residency or citizenship in your chosen country?
- Can they provide a legitimate service contract?