



If your
immigration
status is in
danger, whom
do you want by
your side?



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Be informed.

Choose a lawyer.

Your choice will determine your future



DEBUNKING MYTHS

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"I don't need help to fill out forms. I can do it myself!"

Immigration applications live and die through forms. Immigration law is a complex domain and the forms, unfortunately, make it seem so simple. It is not, and the consequences are serious.

Immigration law intersects with family, criminal, corporate, international, and other areas of the law.

Lawyers don't just fill out forms. Armed with years of legal training, lawyers prepare applications that reflect latest developments in the law, preventing problems from happening in the first place.



DEBUNKING MYTHS

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"Immigration lawyers are expensive and charge more than consultants."

Most immigration lawyers charge flat fees. Lawyers advise correctly, competently, and ethically. Getting legal advice saves money.

By having a lawyer from the very start, you avoid having to spend more to fix mistakes.

Many immigration lawyers write off hours of work for low-income clients. They provide free services to the community, and represent Legal Aid-supported clients.



DEBUNKING MYTHS

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"The immigration website says I don't need an immigration lawyer, and an immigration officer told me I should save my money and just follow the guide online."

Officers at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency decide your case. Generally, they will not tell you if there is a problem in your application.

They do not provide legal advice, and cannot help you to fix mistakes.



Why should I hire an immigration lawyer?



Canada received 342,154 temporary resident applications in 2017. 18.9 % of the applications were rejected.

- Toronto Star, 2018

REFUSAL RATES



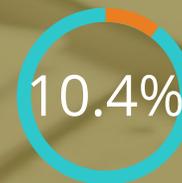
Overall



Self-Reps



Consultants



Lawyers

“Canadian lawyers’ rigorous education, legal analysis skills, and high ethical standards enforced by an effective regulator, have long been understood to result in better outcomes.”

- Marina Sedaj, Past Chair, Canadian Bar Association
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