

**When your whole future
is at stake**



**Hire an
Immigration Lawyer**



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Benefits of Hiring an Immigration Lawyer

Why use a lawyer?

Immigration matters are increasingly complex. Trying to “go it alone” or using an untrained friend, relative or non lawyer can have serious consequences. What you might

consider to be a small oversight or minor mistake can, in fact, put you or your whole family’s entire future at risk.

Lawyers know the law and the process.

They have years of education and training, and by attending CBA/OBA workshops they stay up to date with the many developments in the practice of immigration law. They know how to choose and process the right application for you and know how to represent you at an immigration hearing. With so much at stake, why would you plan your future with anything less than a properly trained and educated professional?

Many lawyers are hired after a person has attempted to represent themselves or gone to an untrained friend, relative or non lawyer. Sadly, undoing the damage is not always possible.

What does it cost?

What is your future worth? You should not leave it in the hands of someone who is untrained or unlicensed. Lawyers, especially those who receive ongoing specialized legal training with the CBA/OBA are unquestionably the professionals most qualified to handle your immigration to Canada. When the stakes are this high, entrust your future to a trained lawyer who is competent, insured and regulated.

Remember, each and every case is different.

An immigration lawyer is best qualified to review your case and advise you, based on their experience, how best to solve your particular immigration issue. They are the only ones who can represent you before the Federal Court. You should feel free to openly discuss the fees for these important matters.



Immigrating to Canada, family reunification, refugee claims, work permits, study visas or extensions need the training, experience and attention to detail that only an experienced immigration lawyer can provide.

Can't I just use the government website?

You can, and should, use the resources provided by government websites to educate yourself about the immigration process. The more information you have, the better you can assist your lawyer in representing you, thereby saving you time and money.

Information provided on various websites are good resources, but they cannot respond to your personal set of circumstances, nor can they replace the specific advice offered by your immigration lawyer.

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