

Immigration Services

Our team of specialist immigration lawyers is very experienced and come highly recommended.

Our team understands that the law relating to Immigration can often be complicated and very daunting, making it difficult to know which option is best for your individual circumstances.

Our Immigration Team

Our team is very experienced in explaining and guiding you through the process by simplifying the legal procedure and offering clear and honest advice. They will provide expert guidance to ensure you make the correct application, meet the relevant application requirements, submit the correct specified evidence, manage the entire application process for you and provide detailed legal representations to the Home Office, whilst giving you updates throughout.

Moreover, as a result of politics and ever changing world events, immigration rules and laws change frequently, sometimes without notice. You can rely on our team's expert and up to date knowledge to ensure you do not go down the wrong path.

How can we help you?

We can assist with all types of entry clearance applications from abroad or in country extension applications / renewal applications and/ or appeals.

For examples of the different types of applications and or appeals we can help you with but not limited to, please visit our website for more details.

- Family – such as
 - fiancé, proposed civil partner, spouse, civil partner,
 - children
 - adopted and de facto adopted children
 - and / or adult dependant relatives - parents
- Human Rights applications and appeals including Article 8 family life
- Indefinite leave to remain (ILR) / settlement applications
- Long residence applications (10 year route and 20 year route)



When you need a helping hand ...

... our specialists are here to support you

- EEA applications and appeals
- Nationality/citizenship and registration of minors as British Citizens
- UK ancestry
- Deportation applications and appeals
- Domestic violence applications and appeals
- Student Visas
- Visitor Visas
- Asylum applications and appeals, including Article 8 family life
- Travel documents
- Family reunion and appeals
- Bail applications and hearings
- Judicial Reviews

Awards and Recognition

Andre and Melissa were shortlisted in the Birmingham Law Society Awards 2019 for Excellence in Client Service to Private Clients.

Discussing your needs

Our team will discuss with you your needs and provide you with a fixed fee tailored to the service with no hidden cost so you know exactly what the cost will be from the outset.

We invite you to contact us with your query, no matter how small and we will aim to find the most effective solution for your matter.

Please contact us on **0808 166 8831** or email Andre or Melissa at a.minnaar@sydneymitchell.co.uk or m.southall@sydneymitchell.co.uk and we will get in touch with you.

Why contact our Immigration Team?

Our immigration specialist team members are passionate about the Law and obtaining the best possible results for their clients:

Our Reputation

Our team members were shortlisted by the Birmingham Law Society Law Awards 2019 for their Excellence in Client Service to Private Clients and have both been recognised by the prestigious Legal 500 directory for their talent, dedication and expertise in immigration law.

Our Fees

To view a list of our fixed fees for Immigration applications and appeals, [please see online price guide](#)

Talk to one of our team today...



Andre Minnaar
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Andre is an expert in resolving complicated UK immigration, asylum and nationality problems of all kinds and is well known and respected for his in depth knowledge, guidance, support and thorough preparation whilst keeping his clients informed throughout the process.

Born and educated in Cape Town, South Africa, he graduated in BA. LLB from the University of Stellenbosch, before being admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa. He relocated to the UK in 2001, since which time he has built up extensive experience, specializing solely in all aspects of private immigration and asylum matters, working in a variety of both charity organisations and solicitor firms.

He is also an experienced advocate, having successfully represented hundreds of appellants during his long career, often succeeding where others have failed.

Andre prides himself in delivering a friendly and excellent service where no stone is left unturned to ensure that he not only meets client expectations, but exceeds them and maintains a very high success rate. Being an immigrant who went through the immigration process himself, Andre has an understanding and first-hand experience of the immigration system. He has a reputation for being client focused, driven and very responsive to his client's needs, thus relieving a lot of the stress immigration issues can cause.



Melissa Southall,
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Melissa is an experienced Solicitor and provides extensive personal immigration advice to our clients on a wide variety of matters such as spouse visas, applications for children, asylum, citizenship and European applications.

Melissa has several years' experience in all kinds of immigration and asylum work, and has a particular interest in applications involving the rights of children. She has worked with a number of Local Authorities over the years representing children in Local Authority care who have immigration problems.

Melissa graduated from the University of Birmingham in 2007 having studied Law with French LLB and spending a year in Bordeaux at Université Montesquieu Bordeaux IV. She then undertook her LPC at the College of Law in Birmingham, now the University of Law, on a part time basis while working as a Legal Assistant in the Property Department at a city centre law firm, Blakemores. Upon completion she then undertook her training contract at the same firm and since qualification in 2011 she has specialised in Immigration law but with a keen interest with cases that have a family law element.

For further information and to discuss any area of concern, please contact us at Sydney Mitchell LLP

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