

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 (10year route and 20year route)
- Appendix EU (former EEA applications) and appeals
- Nationality/citizenship and registration of minors as British Citizens
- Deportation applications and appeals
- UK ancestry



When you need a helping hand ...

... our specialists are here to support you

- 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
- Sponsor Licence application
- Skilled Worker Visa
- Health and Care Worker Visa
- Global Talent Visa
- UK Expansion Worker visa (Global Business Mobility)
- Senior or Specialist Worker visa (Global Business Mobility)
- High Potential Individual (HPI) visa
- Youth Mobility Scheme visa and India Young Professional Scheme visa
- Religious Worker visa
- Charity Worker visa

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 André 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.

Reputation, Awards and Recognition

André and Melissa were shortlisted in the Birmingham Law Society Awards 2019 for Excellence in Client Service to Private Clients. They are also both recognised in the Legal 500; Andre as a leading individual and Melissa as a rising star and their department has been listed in the Legal 500 Top Tier for three consecutive years.

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...



André Minnaar
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André is an expert in resolving complicated UK immigration, asylum and nationality problems of all kinds often succeeding where others have failed. Recognised as a Leading Individual in Legal 500 top lawyers, he 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 in all aspects of private immigration and asylum matters, as well as business immigration matters, working in a variety of both charity organisations and solicitor firms.

André 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, André 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.



Melissa Southall,
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Melissa is an extremely knowledgeable immigration Solicitor with over 12 years post qualification experience and almost 15 years' experience working within the legal field. She 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 as well as some business immigration matters such as Skilled Work visas. She is recognised in the Legal 500 as being *very approachable, professional and supportive*.

Melissa 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. Upon completion she then undertook her training contract at a law firm in Birmingham 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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