

WHAT WILL LOWE & COMPANY DO FOR MY CASE?

Most clients have no idea what a lawyer or immigration consultant does for his case. And many of them don't tell you, because they don't want you to know!

We believe you have a right to know what your lawyer does, to ask questions and get reliable answers, to have your lawyer explain the law, the process, and your options in plain language, and to expect your lawyer to look out for your interests at all times.

Here are some of the specifics of how we handle our clients' cases:

1. ***Preliminary Assessment:*** We'll review your background, ask you in-depth questions, then let you know your options, and the chances of success.
2. ***Basic File Preparation:*** We'll let you know what information and documents Canada Immigration requires, and prepare your application. We review all your documents to ensure consistency with each other, and cross-check these against your application forms to ensure consistency and accuracy. Failure to do so is a major cause of processing delays.
3. ***File Perfection:*** Besides the basics, we'll consider what else we can submit to the Visa office to improve your case. Like preparing a case for court, we collect evidence to prove that you qualify; this may include additional reference letters, company brochures, web-based research, and other evidence of your qualifications.
4. ***Processing Location and Procedures:*** We'll help you select the most appropriate Canada Immigration office for processing your case based upon factors like the chances of success, chances of interview waiver, processing time, ability to travel to the visa office, and other factors.
5. ***Submission Letter:*** We'll prepare a Submission Letter to Canada Immigration with your application and documents, outlining the legal basis for your case. We'll point out the relevant sections of your documents which prove your qualifications; sometimes, it's just one or two paragraphs in a 10-page document that are important! By making it clear to the Visa Officer that you qualify, we can improve your chances of success, or even an interview waiver.
6. ***Immigration Follow Up:*** We'll follow up with Canada Immigration while your file is being processed. If they ask for more evidence, we'll help you determine the best response.
7. ***Reviewing your Canada Immigration File:*** If things seem to be delayed, or going wrong, we will order a search of your immigration file, and review the Immigration Officer's notes. If there are any problems that need to be dealt with, we can prepare responses even before the Visa Officer asks for more evidence, speeding up the processing.

8. **Interview Preparation:** If you need to go for a personal interview, we will do the following:
 - a) Review any additional documents requested by the Visa Officer;
 - b) Let you know what other evidence may help your case.
 - c) Let you know what to expect at the interview.
 - d) Let you know what questions you are likely to be asked.

9. **Interview Follow Up:** After the interview, the Visa Officer may decide that you pass; you fail; or that more information is needed. We will follow up with your file, and if there is any further evidence, we will work with you to submit it.

10. **Medical Issues:** If you or your dependents have a serious medical problem, your whole family may be disqualified. There's often a way to deal with this, and we'll advise you of your best course of action.

11. **Criminal Inadmissibility:** You or your dependents may have had a criminal conviction which could disqualify you. Sometimes, even being suspected of criminal activities may make you inadmissible. We'll review your situation to see if you are eligible apply for "Rehabilitation", which would allow you to immigrate.

12. **Visa Issuance:** Once your visas have been issued, we check:
 - a) The visas, to ensure all the personal details are correct; if a name, or birth date is wrong, this may pose problems when you try to land in Canada.
 - b) Advise you as to the expiry date. It is essential that you land before the expiry date, or you may have to apply all over again.
 - c) Any change in marital status or family members. For example, if you have a baby after you apply and before you land in Canada, you **MUST** have a visa issued for the baby, or else you could jeopardize the validity of all of the visas.

13. **Landing Advice:** After your visa has been issued, we'll give you practical advice such as:
 - a) Where to go to "land" with your Canadian Immigrant visas;
 - b) What you need to prepare prior to arriving at the Canadian Border to land; and
 - c) Landing procedures at the border.

14. **Refusals:** After your interview, the Visa Officer may decide to refuse your case. In that case, we can do the following:
 - a) In some cases, we can request an review of the Visa Officer's decision by another Officer, usually the manager of the Visa Office.

- b) Appeal the case to Federal Court. Visa officers make mistakes, and many decisions of visa officers appealed to Federal Court are overturned.