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Price and service transparency –
Immigration

Services

Our highly regarded Immigration team offers personalised, tailored immigration advice and assistance to both individual clients and businesses. We work with clients in all sectors and industries, ranging from high profile artists, entertainers, creative and tech start-ups and individual entrepreneurs, crossing the Atlantic in one direction or the other, to multinational publicly listed companies moving personnel to their offices in the US or the UK. We also advise individual clients who wish to visit, study or join family in either country. Additionally, we assist with a wide range of US and UK nationality matters.

Solicitors

Our team has a wealth of expertise in all aspects of US and UK immigration and nationality law. Members of the team are involved in many industry organisations including the American Immigration Lawyers Association (“AILA”), International Bar Association (“IBA”), American Bar Association (“ABA”), Immigration Law Practitioners Association (“ILPA”) and British American Business (“BAB”). Diana Okoeva, admitted to the practice of law as an Attorney in New York, NY, and as a Solicitor in England and Wales, is the head of the practice and the immigration team bios are here:

- Diana Okoeva
- Tanya Goldfarb
- Margot Sacré
- Samantha Cobley

Timeframes

Timeframes in immigration matters largely depend on the complexity of each individual case and the processing times of the involved government bodies. We will always use our expertise to advise you on the anticipated timeframes for each particular matter.

Our team is able to undertake work on an expedited basis where necessary and as appropriate and is able, where the circumstances and instructions facilitate, to advise on, prepare and submit applications within tight timeframes. Fees will reflect this and will be discussed and agreed upon with you in advance.

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Key Stages

It is impossible to provide an exact template of all stages involved in an immigration matter. Each application is considered and prepared on its own facts and merits and may involve more or less stages than any other application. For guidance sake, the work we undertake on your behalf may involve some or all of the following steps:

- Taking your initial instructions and discussing your circumstances in detail (including any previous immigration history).
- Considering, advising and discussing the relevant and appropriate options open to you.
- Reviewing instructions and any previous applications.
- Providing further advice with regard to specific requirements of a particular petition or application to be made.
- Advising on the criteria, processes, timeframes and documents with respect to each specific petition or application.
- Advising on, reviewing and considering the necessary supporting evidence that will need to be provided for submission with a petition or an application.
- Preparation of the petition or application and submission to the relevant government entity.
- Preparing you with respect to any interview and/or appointment.
- Attending a related appointment/interview with you.
- Monitoring of the submitted petition or application and liaising with the government in respect to it.
- Liaising with all appropriate parties at all stages of the matter by meetings, phone, email and/or correspondence.
- Follow up advice and assistance on any processed petition or application as appropriate and providing any advice as applicable on future steps and/or petitions or applications that need to be made in the future.

The number of hours that will need to be spent on any individual matter depends on the nature of the instructions given, the complexity of the application, the preparation of the petition or application and supporting documentation (including advising on missing information and/or documentation and how long it takes to obtain said supporting documents or information).

It is also difficult to guarantee at what point in your case we will be able to submit your application, as it will depend on your personal circumstances, the nature of the case and the supporting documents. However, we will process your application as swiftly and as prudently as possible, taking into account all the circumstances of your own case so as to ensure the best possible outcome in all the circumstances with all surrounding factors.

Fees

Please note that the information below is for guidance only. Each and every petition or application is different and the fees stated are provided as an average range. These quotes are not binding.

All fees quoted are exclusive of VAT and disbursements, which will be applied as appropriate.

Legal fees

Our team's hourly rates range, based on post qualification and specialist experience, between £140 per hour for legal support staff to £450 per hour for partners. This excludes the VAT.

The number of hours spent on each matter will depend on, amongst other things:

- The complexity of instructions and particular circumstances of an individual case.
- Complex or adverse immigration history, including previous refusals.
- Criminal record or history of past transgressions.
- The complexity and production of supporting documentation and information.
- Whether an application requires to be expedited.
- How long it takes the relevant government body to process the application.
- The number of people being included in the petition or the application.
- The nature of the application.
- The country where the application is being processed.
- Changes in immigration laws and processes.

In certain cases, upon review of the relevant background and instructions, we may be able to offer certain fixed fees detailed below. The fee guidance below is for the main applicant only and is not binding. Fees for any dependant applications will be added separately.

US immigration petitions and applications

- USCIS petitions - £3,000 - £15,000.
- USCIS applications - £1,000 - £5,000.
- Consular applications - £1,000 - £7,000.

UK Tier 1 applications

- Entrepreneur - £4,000 - £8,000.

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- Graduate Entrepreneur - £3,000 - £6,000.
- Exceptional Talent/Exceptional Promise - £4,000 - £8,000.
- Investor - £5,000 - £10,000.

UK Tier 2 applications

- Visa Application (after the Tier 2 Certificate of Sponsorship ("CoS") has been assigned) - £1,600 - £2,000.

We can also assist with the CoS application and will advise as to our fees accordingly.

UK Tier 4 applications

- Student Visas (visa application after the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies ("CAS") has been assigned - £1,600 - £2,000.

We can also assist with the CAS application and will advise as to our fees accordingly.

UK Tier 5 applications

- Creative & Sporting Visa application (after the Tier 5 Certificate of Sponsorship ("CoS") has been assigned) - £1,600 - £2,000.
- Youth Mobility Visa application - £1,600 - £2,000.
- Government Authorised Exchange Visa application (after the Tier 5 Certificate of Sponsorship ("CoS") - £1,600 - £2,000.
- International Agreements Visa application (after the Tier 5 Certificate of Sponsorship ("CoS") - £1,600 - £2,000.
- Charity and Religious Workers Visa application (after the Tier 5 Certificate of Sponsorship ("CoS") has been assigned) - £1,600 - £2,000.

We can also assist with the CoS application and will advise as to our fees accordingly.

UK Visitor's Visa applications

- Standard Visitor Visa - £1,600 - £2,500 - depending on the sub category.
- Marriage Visitor Visa - £1,600 - £2,500.
- Permitted Paid Engagement Visa - £1,600 - £2,000.
- Parent of a Tier 4 Child Visa - £1,600 - £2,000.

Applications under the UK Immigration Rules

- UK Ancestry Visas - £2,000 - £3,000.
- Sole Representatives of Overseas Businesses - £4,000 - £7,000.
- Domestic Workers in private households - £2,500 - £3,500.

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- Dependant relative - £2,000 - £3,000.
- Fiancé(e) - £2,000 - £3,000.
- Spouse and Unmarried Partner - £4,000 - £6,000.
- Civil Partners - £4,000 - £6,000.
- Long residence - £5,000 - £7,000.
- Applications for Indefinite Leave to Remain/Settlement - £2,500 - £4,000.
- Applications to become British by either Naturalisation or Registration - £2,000 - £3,500.

Disbursements

All fee ranges indicated above are for this firm's legal costs only. They do not include any third party costs, known as disbursements, which will be added to the legal costs. Disbursements include, but are not limited to:

- Any fees paid to the US or the UK government for filing the relevant petition or application, including but not limited to:
 - US or UK visa fees.
 - USCIS filing and premium processing fees.
 - UK Immigration Health Surcharge fees.
 - Biometrics fees.
 - UK Premium Service or Priority fees.
- Courier fees.
- Trade union consultation or advisory fees.
- Travel costs to attend an appointment or interview with you.
- Translators' fees.
- Interpreter's' fees.
- Independent expert report fees, such as for example a medical expert report.

These costs may not necessarily be incurred in your matter, but if they do need to be included, we will let you know as soon as possible if we consider that they are necessary to your case.

VAT payable

20% at present, where applicable, on legal fees and some disbursements.

Biographies

Diana Okoeva

Dual qualified as an Attorney in New York and a Solicitor in England and Wales.

Focuses primarily on US immigration and nationality law, advising businesses expanding into the US or growing their US presence or workforce. Works with individual talent and with groups, helping them obtain the required visas to enter the US for filming or performing. Acts for entrepreneurs, seeking to start businesses in the US, investors seeking “green cards” under the investment schemes, and individuals seeking to self-petition for permanent residency in the US based on extraordinary abilities or national interest waivers.

Advises individuals requiring complex waivers of inadmissibility based on previous criminal record, as well as individuals seeking family based immigrant and non-immigrant visas and other immigration benefits or wishing to acquire or lose US citizenship.

Wide range of clients, including start-ups, owned and managed businesses, large multinational corporations, individual talent, entrepreneurs, and high-net-worth individuals. Practice spans across sectors, with concentration in tech, media, entertainment and creative sectors, as well as oil and gas, retail, manufacturing and professional services.

Active member of and a frequent speaker at the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and regularly volunteers her time on AILA committees, chairing the last two biennial AILA RDC/EMEA London conferences and now serving on the fall 2018 South Africa conference committee.

Before Clintons, headed the US immigration practice at Lewis Silkin, having practiced immigration law at firms in London and in the US. Before starting her career as an immigration lawyer, she worked for a number of years as an international lawyer for the Armenian government.

Enjoys travelling and gastronomic experiences and is a loyal Friend of the Royal Opera House.

Tanya Goldfarb

Joined Clintons in January 2008 as a Consultant.

Specialises in business and personal UK immigration matters. She is a highly-regarded and experienced lawyer - prior to joining Clintons, she was a Senior Associate of some of the leading immigration practices in the UK; Reed Smith, CMS Cameron McKenna and she started her career at Magrath LLP.

Tanya has a wealth of expertise and knowledge in advising clients in the entertainment and sports fields, as well as many other industries including financial services, pharmaceuticals, media, technology and multinational organisations. Tanya's clients include high net worth individuals and private clients from across all industry sectors.

Tanya advises on all UK immigration matters, ranging from entry to the UK as a visitor, to advising on the Points Based System. She also advises clients on making applications for Permanent Residency and naturalising as a British Citizen; as well as on immigration compliance and sponsorship matters for employers. Her expertise also includes European free movement applications, UK Ancestry visas, domestic workers travelling to the UK and other private client immigration issues.

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Tanya is the Co-Chair of the New York Working Group of the Immigration Practitioners Association (ILPA), a member and past Executive Committee Member of ILPA and a past Secretary of the English Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Tanya is also a founding member of the Steering Committee of the Great British Business Club, UKTI, in New York.

Margot Sacré

Margot has a number of years of experience in US immigration, having worked in practices on both sides of the pond. She works with the immigration team, assisting with a variety of US immigration and nationality matters. She works on cases that involve obtaining US visas for talent and crews in the entertainment sector, artists, sports persons, entrepreneurs and a wide spectrum of individuals relocating to the US on a temporary or permanent basis for work or for other reasons. She also assists with matters involving challenging visa refusals or findings of inadmissibility to the US, as well as various US nationality related matters.

Margot holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish with a minor in French. She recently completed the Graduate Diploma in Law at City, University of London, and aspires to become a US lawyer in the future.

Originally from Belgium, Margot speaks Flemish and French. She is also fluent in Spanish. Margot loves horse riding and played on her university polo team.

Samantha Cobley

Works with the immigration team, assisting primarily with all kinds of US immigration and nationality matters, including for companies expanding operations into the US or moving personnel, as well as cases involving individuals relocating to the US on a temporary or permanent basis or dealing with other US nationality related issues.

Law degree from the University of South Africa, GDL from BPP Law School and is currently completing the LPC at BPP.

Speaks Afrikaans and finished Top 5 in the De Beers English Olympiad on "War and Indifference". Enjoys sports and the outdoor life.

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Clintons is an award winning boutique law firm, based in Covent Garden, Central London and in Los Angeles, California. It is a market leader in the entertainment, digital media and creative industries and is highly regarded for its family, litigation, property and corporate work.

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