

AUSTRALIA IMMIGRATION LAWYERS AND LEGAL SUPPORT

State-by-State Directory for Immigration, Refugee, Protection Visa, Detention, ART Appeal and Judicial Review Matters

Important note: This directory is a practical starting point. Publicly reported outcomes are included only where the organisation or source has described them. A past result does not guarantee a result in another matter, particularly for protection visas and section 501 cancellation matters, where the facts, evidence, criminal history, country information, family circumstances and legal issues are decisive.

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State / Territory	Lawyer or Organisation	Main Areas	Publicly Reported Successful Cases / Experience
New South Wales	Estrin Saul Lawyers & Migration Specialists - Sydney	Section 501 cancellations, ART appeals, Federal Court judicial review, complex visa matters	The firm publicly lists cases including DYK17 v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCA 943, WZAU v Minister for Immigration [2019] FCCA 1062 and DBB16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2018] FCAFC 178.
New South Wales	Australian Migration Lawyers - Sydney and national offices	Protection visas, section 501, visa cancellation, immigration detention, ART appeals and judicial review	The firm states it works across protection, cancellation, detention and judicial-review matters, with service locations across Australia.
New South Wales	Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS)	Refugee, protection visa, detention and humanitarian matters	Listed by the Administrative Review Tribunal as a NSW legal-support provider for immigration and refugee matters.
New South Wales	Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC)	Immigration advice, visa refusals, citizenship and community legal support	Listed by the ART as a NSW provider for immigration and citizenship legal support.
New South Wales	Legal Aid NSW Immigration Service	Refugee law, immigration matters and eligible review assistance	Legal Aid NSW has a dedicated Immigration Service offering free legal support in refugee and other migration matters.
Victoria	Refugee Legal - Melbourne, national reach	Refugee law, protection visas, detention, constitutional litigation, removal matters	Refugee Legal reports a successful High Court challenge in YBFZ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2024] HCA 40 concerning Bridging Visa R conditions. It also reported a Federal Court win on 13 March 2026 for a client facing removal to Nauru.
Victoria	Refugee Legal / David Manne legal team history	Landmark refugee and constitutional litigation	Refugee Legal states that David Manne led teams in successful High Court challenges including Plaintiff M61, Plaintiffs M70/M106 (Malaysia Solution), Plaintiff M47, Plaintiff M76, Plaintiff M150 and Plaintiff S89.
Victoria	Australian Migration Lawyers - Melbourne	Skilled, partner, protection, cancellation and review matters	The firm advertises protection visa, cancellation, section 501, detention and judicial-review assistance, including Melbourne service availability.
Victoria	Victoria Legal Aid	Eligible immigration and refugee assistance	Listed by the ART as a Victorian legal-support provider.
Queensland	Emerson Migration Law - Brisbane	Skilled, employer-sponsored, partner, protection and general migration matters	The firm states it has handled more than 2,000 successfully closed cases across more than 70 countries. This is the firm's own reported figure and should be independently discussed in consultation.
Queensland	Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS) - Brisbane	Refugee, protection visa, detention, section 501 and immigration review work	RAILS is listed by the ART as a Queensland provider for refugee and immigration legal support.
Queensland	LawRight - Queensland	Public-interest litigation, court assistance and eligible migration matters	Listed by the ART as a Queensland legal-support organisation for immigration and citizenship matters.

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Queensland	Australian Migration Lawyers - Brisbane / Gold Coast	Protection, cancellation, judicial review, family and skilled visas	The firm lists Brisbane and Gold Coast locations and advertises work in protection visas, visa cancellations, immigration detention and section 501 matters.
Western Australia	Circle Green Community Legal - Perth	Community legal support, migration and vulnerable-client assistance	Listed by the ART as a Western Australian provider for immigration and citizenship legal support.
Western Australia	Australian Migration Lawyers - Perth	Protection, skilled, partner, cancellation and review matters	The firm lists Perth as one of its service locations and offers immigration-law services nationally.
Western Australia	WA immigration-law practitioners in Doyle's Guide 2026	Immigration, migration, visas and citizenship	Doyle's Guide publishes a 2026 Western Australian immigration-law listing based on peer and client recognition. It is useful for identifying practitioners to research further, but it is not a guarantee of outcome.
South Australia	Legal Services Commission of South Australia	Eligible legal aid and immigration-related assistance	Listed by the ART as a South Australian legal-support provider for immigration and citizenship matters.
South Australia	Refugee Legal - services/referrals	Refugee and protection matters	Refugee Legal is listed by the ART as a legal-support option for South Australian refugee and immigration matters.
South Australia	Australian Migration Lawyers - Adelaide	Protection, skilled, family, ART and cancellation work	The firm lists Adelaide as a service location and advertises protection visas, appeals, cancellations and judicial-review support.
Tasmania	Tasmanian Refugee Legal Service	Refugee, protection, humanitarian and migration support	Listed by the ART as Tasmania's specialist refugee legal-support provider.
Tasmania	Australian Migration Lawyers - Hobart	General migration, protection and visa-review assistance	The firm lists Hobart as a service location and provides Australia-wide legal services.
Australian Capital Territory	Legal Aid ACT	Eligible legal assistance, including immigration-related support	Listed by the ART as the ACT legal-support provider for immigration and citizenship matters.
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Migration Lawyers - Canberra	Visa applications, protection, cancellations, ART and judicial review	The firm lists Canberra as a service location and advertises work across protection visas, detention and visa-cancellation matters.
Northern Territory	NT Legal Aid Commission	Eligible legal aid, immigration-related support and referrals	Listed by the ART as a Northern Territory immigration and citizenship legal-support provider.
Northern Territory	Refugee Legal - referral / national service	Refugee and protection matters	Refugee Legal is listed by the ART as a support option for Northern Territory immigration and refugee matters.
Northern Territory	Australian Migration Lawyers - Darwin	General migration, protection, appeals and cancellation work	The firm lists Darwin as a service location and offers Australia-wide migration-law services.

For Section 501 Cancellation, Detention or Protection Visa Matters

For serious matters such as visa cancellation under section 501, prolonged immigration detention, removal, protection claims, ART review or Federal Court judicial review, seek a lawyer who can explain their actual experience in the relevant jurisdiction and type of case.

What to Ask the Lawyer	Why It Matters
Have you personally run section 501 or 501CA revocation matters?	A standard visa lawyer may not have cancellation or character-law experience.
Have you appeared in the ART or Federal Court?	ART merits review and judicial review are very different processes.
Can you identify reported cases you have acted in?	This gives a verifiable indication of litigation experience.
Will a solicitor, barrister or migration agent handle my file?	You should know exactly who has legal responsibility for the matter.
What are the filing deadlines?	Migration deadlines can be extremely short.
Can you provide a written costs agreement?	This helps avoid surprise legal costs.
Are you registered with OMARA if you provide migration advice?	OMARA maintains the official register of migration agents.

Verification and Source Notes

- Administrative Review Tribunal (ART): state-by-state legal-support listings for immigration and citizenship matters.
- Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA): official register for confirming whether a migration agent is registered.
- Firm and organisation websites: descriptions of services and reported cases should be checked directly at the time of contacting the practitioner.
- Legal directories such as Doyle's Guide: useful for identifying practitioners, but not a guarantee of competence or outcome.
- Before retaining any representative, ask for a written costs agreement, conflict disclosure, the identity of the person who will work on the file, and confirmation of urgent deadlines.

Disclaimer: This document is general information only and is not legal advice. Legal representation should be selected after discussing the particular facts, evidence, deadlines and proposed strategy of the individual case.