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## Asylum, Human Rights and Appeals

### Our Services

Asylum Applications and Appeals  
Unaccompanied Minors  
Immigration Detention  
Human Rights and Civil Liberties  
Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery  
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**Duncan Lewis Solicitors** serves corporate entities and private individuals in over 25 practice areas from offices throughout London and across England and Wales. Established in 1998, the firm has over 550 lawyers delivering legal services in over 60 languages. We have been recognised by independent legal directories, The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, as a top tier firm and described as a “diligent and professional team that is prepared to go the extra mile for its clients”.

## Our Services

We have one of the largest legal aid immigration practices in the UK and offer assistance with a number of matters, including:

- Asylum applications and appeals
- Bail applications
- Deportation/revocation of deportation orders
- Human rights applications
- Identification as a victim of trafficking/modern slavery
- Immigration detention
- Judicial review
- Refusals of asylum support
- Representation at the First-tier/Upper Tribunal
- Reuniting refugees with their families
- Unaccompanied minors

## Asylum Applications and Appeals

You should apply for asylum at the earliest possible time to increase your chances of a successful application. Our lawyers can advise on how to proceed with the application process.

If your application for asylum is refused then you may have the right to appeal. We are experienced in acting quickly in these cases and obtaining the best evidence to support a case.

## Unaccompanied Minors

Many of our lawyers are experienced in representing unaccompanied minors in their asylum applications.

We work with a number of experts who can carry out an age assessment if the young person appears to be under 18 but has no identity papers to prove their age when their age is disputed by the authorities.

Our lawyers attend Home Office interviews with the unaccompanied minor, as well as the screening and the substantive interview, and any language analysis interviews. We also assist unaccompanied minors prepare for their appeal if their first application has been refused by the Home Office.

## Immigration Detention

Our lawyers are highly experienced in representing asylum seekers in immigration detention.

We regularly visit and advise clients in immigration detention, and we can assist with asylum claims; applying for release on bail; and claiming compensation for unlawful detention.

## Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Human rights law involves the explicit protections and the rights of individuals set out in the articles of the European Convention on Human Rights. Civil liberties are those freedoms and protections explicitly granted by our domestic law such as the Data Protection Act and the Equality Act. In this area we represent the most vulnerable individuals in society in matters that involve:

- Individuals in detention facing removal
- Unlawful detention of victims of torture or trafficking
- Individuals deprived of essential medical treatment
- Children seeking access to education
- Individuals requiring enforcement of their rights to respect for their gender, sexuality, religious practice and/or opinion
- Individuals who have been let down by public authorities in an aspect of their duty

## Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Human trafficking and modern slavery involve the exploitation of adults and children (including forced labour and sexual exploitation).

We assist with applications for identification as a victim of trafficking/modern slavery, residence permits, and compensation. We have experience representing clients in court where the authorities have refused to recognise a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, or refused a residence permit.

## Judicial Review

If your immigration application has been refused without a right of appeal, you are facing removal from the UK, or if the Home Office has failed or refused to provide you with asylum support, we can advise on applying for a judicial review. This is where a judge reviews and decides whether a decision, act, or policy by a public body is rational, lawful and reasonable.

Our lawyers have significant experience in judicial review applications. They have been involved in numerous high-profile cases, including challenging removal or deportation, challenging refusals of permission to appeal and the certification of asylum claims.



## Fees and Funding

As an essential element of our service we will advise you on the funding options available to you and your case.

### **Public Funding (Legal Aid)**

Legal aid is the public funding of legal services, administered by the Legal Aid Agency to eligible individuals who cannot afford to pay for legal advice and representation. We will advise as to whether legal aid funding may apply in your case. When it does, we can assist you in making the necessary applications for funding and advise you of your financial obligations.

### **Private Funding**

In all privately funded cases, our aim is to offer fair prices in exchange for the specialist services we provide. We offer competitive hourly rates to ensure we give your case the best possible chance of success. We can also offer you a number of fixed fee packages; for example, if you require assistance with select matters in your case such as representation at a one-off hearing.

At your first meeting with us, we will discuss with you how we calculate our charges. Where possible, this includes a detailed breakdown of the estimated costs.

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