

# Legal Referral Sheet - Victoria

**If you require legal assistance and/or representation for your immigration matter and you can't afford to pay for a lawyer, you can call the following telephone advice lines:**

## Refugee Legal

Refugee Legal is based in Melbourne, VIC, and provides free advice and assistance to people seeking asylum and refugees with protection visas, family reunification, detention cases, cancellation matters, and other matters before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. You may contact Refugee Legal for free telephone legal advice on (03) 9413 0100 from 10am to 2pm, Wednesday and Friday.

**Phone:** (03) 9413 0100  
**Email:** [refugeelegal@refugeelegal.org.au](mailto:refugeelegal@refugeelegal.org.au)  
**Website:** [www.refugeelegal.org.au](http://www.refugeelegal.org.au)  
Level 5, 333 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

## Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)

Victoria Legal Aid has a range of services to help people with their legal problems. A VLA lawyer might be able to help give you general information about applying for a protection visa, cancellation, and judicial review in the federal courts. They also have services providing criminal or civil law advice. You can call their advice line on 1300 792 387 from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. You can also get advice online through the Legal Help Chat.

**Phone:** 1300 792 387  
**Website:** [www.legalaid.vic.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au)  
570 Bourke Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

## Paid Legal Services

Private lawyers may be able to help you with advice or representation. They will charge fees for their assistance, called legal fees or professional fees. It is very important that you get ethical and informed advice, as bad advice can be very damaging. We recommend you get advice from a firm that has a Law Institute Accredited Immigration Law Specialist employed.

A lawyer needs to follow certain rules when assisting you, including clear communication about costs. To find out information about what to expect from your lawyer, visit <https://www.lsbic.vic.gov.au/consumers/choosing-and-working-your-lawyer>. You are not obliged to continue with services you are not happy with.

The ASRC recommends the lawyers below for assistance in relation to:

- Protection visa applications and interviews at the Department of Immigration;
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal review applications;
- Federal Circuit Court, Federal Court and High Court;
- Humanitarian requests to the Minister of Immigration;
- Family visas, skilled visas, work visas and student visas;
- Complex health and character matters.
- Visa cancellations and responses to adverse information.

### Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers

Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers is a full-service law firm that offers immigration services to individuals and businesses. They assist with protection visa applications, merits review, judicial review, and visa cancellations.

**Phone:** (03) 9396 0207

**Email:** [mail@carinafordlawyers.com](mailto:mail@carinafordlawyers.com)

**Website:** [www.carinafordlawyers.com](http://www.carinafordlawyers.com)  
Level 5, 1 McNab Avenue  
Footscray VIC 3011

### Clothier Anderson and Associates

Clothier Anderson and Associates is a specialist immigration and refugee law firm offering assistance at all stages of the refugee determination process.

**Phone:** (03) 9347 4022

**Email:** [info@clothieranderson.com.au](mailto:info@clothieranderson.com.au)

**Website:** [www.clothieranderson.com.au](http://www.clothieranderson.com.au)  
Level 3, 62 Lygon Street  
Carlton VIC 3053

### Mary Hanna Lawyers

Mary Hannah Lawyers is a private law firm specializing in Australian immigration and citizenship law. They assist with protection visa applications, as well as tribunal and court applications, and character-related issues.

**Phone:** (03) 9077 6362

**Email:** [info@maryhannalawyers.com.au](mailto:info@maryhannalawyers.com.au)

**Website:** [www.maryhannalawyers.com.au](http://www.maryhannalawyers.com.au)  
17 Sydney Road  
Coburg VIC 3058

### Abode Migration Lawyers

Abode Migration Lawyers offer assistance and representation with Australian immigration matters, including humanitarian and protection visas, tribunal matters, judicial review, and requests to the Minister. They offer free 15-minute consults with an immigration lawyer which can be accessed by completing an enquiry form on their website.

**Phone:** (03) 9607 8362

**Email:** [info@abodemigration.com.au](mailto:info@abodemigration.com.au)

**Website:** [www.abodemigration.com.au](http://www.abodemigration.com.au)  
40/140 William Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

### Playfair Visa and Migration Services

Playfair Visa and Migration Services provides migration advice and assistance, including with refugee and humanitarian visas.

**Phone:** (03) 8763 3040

**Email:** [info@playfair.com.au](mailto:info@playfair.com.au)

**Website:** [www.playfair.com.au](http://www.playfair.com.au)  
Level 1, 176 Lonsdale Street  
Dandenong VIC 3175

### Erskine Rodan & Associates

Erskine Rodan & Associates offer assistance with applications for refugee and humanitarian visas for both onshore (in Australia) and offshore (outside Australia) applicants.

**Phone:** (03) 9329 8744

**Email:** [info@erskinerodan.com.au](mailto:info@erskinerodan.com.au)

**Website:** [erskinerodan.com.au](http://erskinerodan.com.au)  
460 Victoria Street  
North Melbourne VIC 3051

### WLW Migration Lawyers

WLW Migration Lawyers provide migration support for individuals and businesses. They assist with protection visa applications, tribunal and court appeals, and visa cancellations. They offer free 15-minute consultations with an immigration lawyer which can be booked online on their website.

**Phone:** (03) 9088 6264

**Email:** [info@wlwlawyers.com.au](mailto:info@wlwlawyers.com.au)

**Website:** [www.wlwlawyers.com.au](http://www.wlwlawyers.com.au)  
Level 1, 545 King Street  
West Melbourne VIC 3003

**We recommend that you use a lawyer to help with your legal matter. A lawyer can provide advice and assistance with all legal matters, including matters before the court.**

**A migration agent cannot provide advice or assistance with court matters. If you choose to use a migration agent to help with your visa application, you should make sure the agent is registered with the Office of Migration Agents Registration Authority.**