

# Immigration Advice and Litigation

TSol plays a pivotal role in representing the Home Office UK Borders Agency in relation to the full range of immigration, nationality and asylum issues. Our work is primarily in litigation including judicial review, but we also have an advisory role.

## Our specialist expertise

We have expertise in the following areas:

- Defending judicial review challenges on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department;
- Conducting statutory appeals from the Appeal Immigration Tribunal to the Court of Appeal;
- Conducting immigration appeals from the Administrative Court to the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords;
- Defending applications for habeas corpus arising from the detention of people subject to immigration control;
- Applying independent quality control monitoring to Reason for Refusal letters;
- Processing emergency injunction applications by claimants refused asylum support;
- Defending appeals before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission involving sensitive national security and ECHR derogation issues; and
- Conducting Control Order proceedings initiated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005

## Our experience

We have handled a number of high-profile cases, including:

- Huang – test case in Court of Appeal and House of Lords re Article 8;
- Test cases on issue of delay in immigration decision-making (both current and historic);
- Country Guidance cases in the AIT on Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia;
- HGMO (internal relocation – House of Lords).

## How we add value

Our central position within Government and our extensive public law experience means that we provide maximum value to our clients in this area. In particular, our clients benefit from our:

- Excellent working relationships with the Court Service and the Administrative Court facilitating the smooth introduction of the 2+2 process. These procedures fast track appropriate cases through the courts and minimise delays to removal;
- Pro-active work for reduction of delays in the lawful functioning of immigration controls, by addressing obstacles to removal and promptly responding to Government initiatives;
- Close liaison with other Government legal representatives, ensuring a co-ordinated approach to policy and operational issues, legal developments and legislative changes, and the most up to date knowledge;
- Contact with the Ministry of Justice , Legal Services Commission and the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner, which has led to new measures and initiatives to combat abusive judicial review applications. This gives us the ability to offer clients a stream-lined service with no hindrances or delays.

## Our clients

Our principal client for this work is the Home Office UK Borders Agency, a multi-faceted organisation. In particular, we maintain close liaison with the Home Office Legal Adviser's Branch to ensure a co-ordinated approach to policy and operational issues. We also work closely with the Agency's Judicial Review Unit and the Specialist Appeals Team, together with a diverse range of specialist units covering key work areas.

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