



De Maio Law Expands Asylum Practice and Community Partnerships

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De Maio Law, PLLC has expanded its asylum practice in Miami, dedicating additional attorney and staff time to asylum and related protection cases and building working relationships with local organizations that serve immigrants and asylum seekers.

The expansion reflects the volume of asylum matters in South Florida and the amount of work each case requires. An asylum case is document-heavy and time-sensitive. It involves preparing the application itself, drafting a detailed personal declaration, gathering identity documents and corroborating evidence, compiling reports on conditions in the applicant's home country, and preparing the applicant for an interview or a hearing where credibility will be assessed. Cases in immigration court can involve multiple hearings over an extended period, and missing a single hearing can result in an order of removal issued in the applicant's absence.

Preparation of the personal declaration is often where a case is won or lost. The declaration is the applicant's account of what happened and why they fear return, and it must connect those events to one of the five protected grounds recognized under U.S. law: race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a

particular social group. It must also remain consistent with everything else in the record, including earlier statements made at the border or during a credible fear interview. Inconsistencies in dates, names, or the order of events can be treated as credibility problems, which is why careful review of the full record matters before anything is filed.

Language access is part of that work. Many asylum applicants are more comfortable describing difficult experiences in their first language, and accurate interpretation during preparation and at hearings is essential. The firm works with qualified interpreters so that the applicant's account is recorded in their own words.

The community partnerships address needs that fall outside legal representation but affect how a case proceeds. Asylum applicants frequently need help locating housing, understanding employment authorization rules, enrolling children in school, and accessing English instruction. Local nonprofit organizations provide many of those services, and coordinating referrals helps clients stay stable during a process that can last years. Stability also has legal consequences, since applicants must keep their address current with immigration authorities and attend every scheduled appointment.

The firm has also published an overview of the asylum process on its website, covering initial filings, the one-year filing deadline and its limited exceptions, the difference between affirmative applications before an asylum office and defensive applications in immigration court, and the possible outcomes of a case. The article will be updated as laws and agency procedures change, which has happened frequently in recent years.

Anyone looking for an asylum lawyer in Miami is encouraged to verify that the attorney is licensed and in good standing through The Florida Bar, or that a non-attorney representative is accredited by the Department of Justice. Notarios and immigration consultants who are not attorneys or accredited representatives cannot legally provide advice or representation in immigration matters, and relying on them has cost many applicants their eligibility.

This release is general information and is not legal advice. The outcome of any asylum case depends on its specific facts and the law in effect at the time, and no result can be promised. Contacting the firm does not by itself create an attorney-client relationship.

Consultation scheduling with an asylum lawyer in Miami and access to the asylum process overview are available through the De Maio Law, PLLC website.

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