



## **THE AMERICA TEAM FOR DISPLACED ERITREANS**

### **Choosing an Immigration Lawyer**

Choosing the right immigration lawyer can make all the difference between winning and losing an asylum case. The America Team has learned of several instances in which Eritrean asylum seekers lost their cases because their lawyers were not capable or industrious. We thus urge all asylum seekers to choose their lawyers with care.

A column by a law professor in the Wall Street Journal of November 27, 2017 pointed to the problem of "incompetent and predatory immigration lawyers." The author wrote: "Immigrants make the common mistake of assuming that a valid law license means that a lawyer will do a decent job." But finding capable counsel need not be expensive. The author wrote that pro bono lawyers and law school clinics usually do an excellent job for their clients – when they have the time to take on cases.

The following articles provide common-sense tips for choosing an immigration lawyer:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/choosing-an-immigration-lawyer-1951839>

<http://www.alllaw.com/articles/nolo/us-immigration/how-find-an-excellent-lawyer.html>

<https://citizenpath.com/find-an-immigration-lawyer/>