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Immigrant's access to justice is essential and should be accessible to all, says CAPIC

April 18, 2022 – The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is pleased that Budget 2022 supports asylum seekers seeking refuge in Canada and hopes that legal aid will be made available for clients of authorized citizenship and immigration consultants. The \$43.5 million support for immigration and refugee legal aid services keeps the door open this fiscal year for asylum seekers to access legal information, advice, and representation to ensure they receive a fair hearing.

Currently, this legal aid is only accessible to immigration lawyers' clients. Canada's authorized immigration consultants represent vulnerable clients who also deserve access to legal aid.

CAPIC CEO Dory Jade: "Access to justice is a key component in the immigration field. CAPIC will continue working with governments and stakeholders to advocate for immigration legal aid for Immigration Consultants' clients. Therefore, to have the same level of access as other Authorized Representatives."

About CAPIC

The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is the professional organization representing the interests of Canadian Immigration Consultants. The organization advocates for competency, ethical conduct, and consumer protection in the immigration consulting industry.

CAPIC's mission is to lead, connect, protect, and develop the profession, serving the best interests of its members. It is the only association recognized by the Government of Canada as the voice of Canadian immigration and citizenship consultants.

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