



Message from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

On the occasion of the Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

As Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association (CILA).

Since its inception four years ago, your organization has made a remarkable difference to immigration in Canada. The expertise and insight of your members help shape Government of Canada priorities and future policy directions.

Improved client service is one of my department's key priorities, and the CILA's strong advocacy for sound representation throughout the immigration process places emphasis on the need for service improvements, which is crucial for current and future success and to benefit newcomers to Canada.

Canada's immigration landscape has evolved significantly, and your organization's adaptability helps newcomers overcome challenges they may face as they navigate through the immigration process. My department is grateful that CILA continues to adjust to the ever-changing global migration environment to provide a high calibre of expertise and insight around immigration law and policy, which holds high value as Canada responds to humanitarian crises and other emerging matters.

The Government of Canada and CILA share a common goal of having the best immigration system possible. Canada remains committed to modernizing our worldclass immigration system and will continue to respond to emerging needs and remain a global leader in resettling immigrants, including refugees and other displaced people.

Your organization's advocacy and work to ensure accountability and effectiveness in our immigration system—including your involvement with the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration—is integral to providing support to newcomers. My department looks forward to continued collaboration with CILA. I wish you the very best at your Annual General Meeting and in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., MP
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship