



HARBOUR FESTIVAL, AUCKLAND

CLIENT EXPERIENCES

TONY DILLON & FAMILY

Having spoken to a number of immigration consultants over a 2 month period we were left feeling confused over the process, duration and cost. From the moment we met Mark Williams at Lane Neave we felt instantly relaxed and confident. We found Mark to be very honest, professional and efficient. Our path to residency was assisted every step of the way by Mark and his team and within the budget that he set on day one.

Do not go it alone in an unfamiliar arena, go with a team that understand the process and that work on positive results. We highly recommend Mark and his team to assist you and your family on your new life in NZ.

Kind regards
Tony Dillon & Family

MR & MRS DE KLERK

My wife, Lindie, and I are from Port Elizabeth. I'm 30 years old and Lindie is 27. In March 2007 we decided to travel to New Zealand on one of those "Look, See, and Decide" (LSD) trips to see if New Zealand could be a place where we would want move to. We spent a week in Auckland and another week in Christchurch to get a "feel" for the north and south island. So after only 2 weeks worth of traveling we returned home and immediately decided that Christchurch was where we wanted to be. However there were a few problem: no job offers, limited cash to sustain us until we secured jobs, and to make things worse neither of us were on the skills shortage list (I'm in real estate and Lindie has an office administration background).

Undeterred, we dived in headfirst and came to Christchurch with nothing but 2 suitcases, plenty of fear, but loads of hope. There was no turning back for us - we simply had it fixed in our minds that we had to make this work because going back to South Africa was not an option. I was tired to fearing for my wife's safety, or lying awake at night wondering if someone was going to jump over the fence into my property.

Before long I had a job offer as Sales & Marketing Manager for a real estate investment company and Lindie was offered work as a property manager at Ray White Real Estate – great! Now for the work permits and permanent residence applications. Now most people told us that applying for work permits and permanent residence is a relatively simple process and that you can just do it yourself. While this is true in many cases, sooooo much can go wrong. Given the importance of getting these work permits and residence papers, I was not about to gamble with my future and "D-I-Y" it. I wasn't prepared to use an agent either because, in my opinion, you can fork out thousands of dollars for absolutely no benefit.

Probably the best decision of my life was to marry Lindie. The second best was to move to New Zealand. A very close third was the decision to use Mark Williams of Lane Neave Lawyers. I am recommending to everyone I know who is planning to move to New Zealand to use Mark when applying for their work permits and permanent residence papers. The man is simply brilliant - he even negotiated an increase in pay for my job offer! My got my work permit for me in 2 days, and my permanent residence in under 3 months.

Many of friends who decided to “D-I-Y” it are STILL waiting for permanent residency after many months and years. I also have some friends who submitted applications to immigration using consultants/agents – but after urging them to take advantage of Mark’s free initial consultation he immediately spotted glaring problems in their applications and he managed to avert disaster. I simply cannot give enough praise or recommendation for Mark and his team at Lane Neave!

Since moving here I’ve had many friends and family join me in NZ. Needless to say, I don’t think I’ll ever be moving back to SA.

Regards,
Paul & Lindie de Klerk

CHUNG FAMILY

When I had the first consultation with Mark Williams at Lane Neave last year, we were confused regarding my elderly father’s visa and how to go about getting them to New Zealand to join us. Reading the requirements set out by NZ Immigration it seemed a very complex and difficult task to get our family together in New Zealand.

Mark was very honest and kind to us and we gained a good impression of him, so we decided to work with him. A few months later, NZ Immigration changed their policies, so again we met with Mark and Adele Cornelius regarding my father’s visa. As before, Mark was very honest with us and gave us a range of possible scenarios. Following Mark’s advice we went ahead with the preparation of their visas. The process was not easy and all of my family had a tough time but we believed that Mark and his team were doing their best for my father. We waited for the results of the visa application which took longer than we expected, and we realized that this was a challenge to Mark and his team, too.

One day, we received a phone call from Adele saying that my father’s application had been granted. Our family was absolutely overwhelmed.

What Mark had done for us was absolutely amazing. We are really glad to have had this journey with Mark and his team and it was a great experience with them.

Mark and his team are professional and reliable. Adele was very patient and she listened very carefully to our concerns. She always faithfully answered any questions which I asked and tried to understand our family’s frustration and pain. Mark is very sincere and dedicated to his job. Because of his dedication and faith, we have been able to obtain the visa for my father and we are really looking forward to having my father join us in New Zealand soon. The family unit is the most important thing to us and I feel that Mark understands it deeply.

We strongly recommend Mark Williams, Adele Cornelius and his team to anyone who needs help in dealing with the NZ Immigration Service.

All our family would like to express our sincere gratitude once again to Mark, Adele and their team for a great effort which produced such a marvelous result.

Kind regards
Chung Family

MR WANG (ELVIS) & MISS WANG (NIKI)

We used Lane Neave Lawyers (Mark Williams) to gain residency to New Zealand. This was achieved after a long drawn out process with NZ Immigration. We found Mark and his team (Alexandra & Amycla) to be very professional, very friendly and very helpful. Especially as they always thought about the best and most efficient way to solve our prior mistakes and troubles and to make us realise the need to be patient. They got my girlfriend and I through a very difficult period of our lives out here in New Zealand. We would like to thank Mark and his colleagues at Lane Neave and would recommend them to our Chinese friends who are thinking of getting residency or going through the process.

Yours sincerely
Mr Wang (Elvis) & Miss Wang (Niki)

MIKE & SUE HOWARD

We recently emigrated to New Zealand and thanks to Mark and his colleagues at Lane Neave Lawyers we were issued with our residency visa's. We initially started the application process back in December 2006 with an agent back in the UK but because of a medical issue with Sue the agent in the UK found it very difficult. I came to NZ on a 2 year work visa, started work here in Timaru whilst Sue and our two Children stayed in the UK until our application was approved. As previously said our agent in the UK found it very difficult and was out of his depth. I got in touch with Mark at Lane Neave who agreed to take on our case. I was becoming very stressed having been apart from my family for so long and not knowing if residency would be granted. Mark assured me that he would do his best to get residency for my family and true to his word Mark and his staff got NZ Immigration to see sense and residency was granted.

I always found Mark and his colleagues to be very professional and helpful. All communications from his staff were straight forward and informative which went a very long way to assure us that in this very stressful period of our lives things would turn out as we wanted.

We would like to thank Mark and his colleagues at Lane Neave and would just like to say to anyone wishing to emigrate to NZ please do, as we eventually did, use Mark Williams and his colleagues at Lane Neave. You won't regret it.

Once again, a Big Thank you Mark, you helped change our lives.

Mike & Sue Howard

MS. JIANG

Mark Williams and his team were absolutely great. If you are seriously looking for assistance with immigration issues, I would definitely recommend that you contact Mark and his team at Lane Neave.

Mark was extremely professional and he achieved the aim of getting our residence visas on time and on budget. Handing over our application to Lane Neave was the best thing we could have done as it allowed us to focus on other issues.

A great service all round!

Ms. Jiang