



IMMIGRATION AND FAMILY SPONSORSHIP FROM OUTSIDE CANADA

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During our recent visit to Egypt, we were approached by Egyptian clients who have acquired Canadian citizenship, but are living in Egypt because of work or family commitments.

Due to the recent unrest in the region, many Canadians would prefer to return to Canada accompanied by their families. Unfortunately, the Canadian embassy in Cairo is not always cooperative in these situations, and applications for visitor visas for a spouse or child are sometimes being rejected.

That said, Canadians are sometimes being informed by unqualified individuals that they must be physically present in Canada in order to sponsor a spouse or child to the country. This is incorrect. Please note that this only applies to holders of permanent residence status who are not yet Canadian citizens.

Many of our clients with Canadian citizenship are surprised to learn that they may proceed with a sponsorship application without having to separate from their families in Egypt. The application may not always be successful, but you do not have to come to Canada before filing it.

As always, if you have any questions, contact us for the right information.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

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Pace Law Firm is pleased to announce that Timothy Morson has signed an agreement with the Pace Immigration Team to represent and lead the Montreal, Quebec office.



Tim is a former Canadian diplomat and immigration program manager with over twenty years of international experience in immigration. He served with Canada's diplomatic missions in Asia, Europe, the United States, the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean, as well as serving with the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration in Ottawa, Canada (1982-2001). He brings a wealth of experience as a manager of immigration offices abroad and specialized knowledge of

Canada's many immigration programs (business immigration, skilled workers, family reunification, work and study permits, Quebec's immigration programs, etc).

Tim directs the Montreal office and is fluently bilingual (English/French). He has helped countless clients obtain permanent residence in Canada since establishing himself as a professional immigration consultant in 2001.

A recognized expert in immigration, he has also done migration consulting work for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and is currently serving as the National Policy Director of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC). In that capacity, he has prepared reports on the impact of newly proposed immigration legislation (bills) and has appeared as a witness before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

He has a Masters in Journalism from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Concordia University in Montreal.

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