

AI FOR IMMIGRATION PRACTICE

The Immigration Firm *AI Toolkit* and Resource Map

What belongs in the stack, what to require before you trust a tool, and the primary sources to verify against. Categories and criteria, not product pitches.

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A stack, not a shopping list

Most AI buying advice is a list of products. Products change every quarter, and a name that is right for one firm is wrong for another. So this is not a list of tools to buy.

It is a map of the categories a working immigration firm actually needs, what each layer should require before you trust it with a client file, and the primary sources you verify against no matter which product you pick.

Choose by category and criteria. Then the specific product becomes a detail you can swap without rebuilding your practice. The frameworks behind these choices are ABA Opinion 512 and the NIST AI Risk Management Framework.

Reference: ABA Formal Opinion 512, 2024; NIST AI Risk Management Framework, 2023.

By category

Enterprise LLM DRAFTING AND ANALYSIS	Drafting, summarizing, organizing. Require no-training terms, a signed DPA, and a zero-retention option.
Practice management MATTERS AND DEADLINES	The system of record for matters, dates, and documents. Require strong access controls and clean integrations.
Secure intake CLIENT DATA CAPTURE	How client information first enters the firm. Require encryption and a rule that it never passes through a public AI tool.
Document assembly FORMS AND PACKETS	Building forms and filing packets from intake data. Require template control and human review before filing.
Translation FIRST PASS ONLY	A draft translation to work from. Require certified-translator review before anything is relied upon or filed.
Research and verification PRIMARY SOURCES	Finding and confirming authority. Require that every result is checked against the primary source, every time.

How to choose

Run any tool that will touch client data against these before you adopt it.

- No-training on your data, stated in writing.
- A signed data processing agreement.
- A signed BAA where the matter involves medical records.
- US data residency or a zero-retention option where your clients need it.
- An independent security attestation such as SOC 2.
- An exit path: you can export your data and leave.
- A human review step built into the workflow, not bolted on.

Where to verify

No matter which product you use, these are the primary sources you verify against. Bookmark them and trust them over any AI summary.

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- **USCIS.gov.** Forms, fees, filing addresses, and processing information, from the agency itself.

 - **EOIR, at justice.gov.** Immigration court practice, the practice manual, and procedure.

 - **The electronic Code of Federal Regulations.** The current text of 8 C.F.R. and related rules.

 - **U.S. Department of State country reports.** Primary country-conditions material with a real citation.

 - **Your state bar.** The AI and confidentiality guidance that actually binds you.

 - **ABA Formal Opinion 512 and the NIST AI RMF.** The ethics and risk frameworks behind your governance.
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WHERE TO START

Buy by category. *Verify by source.*

The product names will change. The categories you need and the sources you verify against will not. Build the stack on those, and you can swap any tool without rebuilding your practice.

Simplarity assembles the right stack for your firm against these criteria and wires in the verification points, so the toolkit holds up.

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