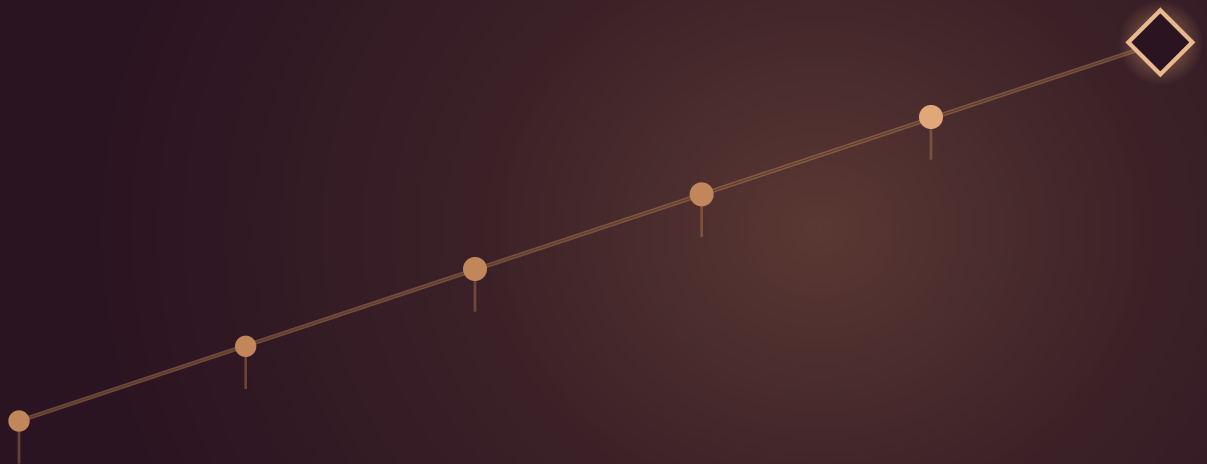


AI FOR IMMIGRATION PRACTICE

# AI Across the Life of a *Removal Case*

From intake to appeal, where AI carries weight on a removal file, and the decisions that stay with the lawyer at every stage.

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# It runs through the whole arc

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A removal case is not one task. It is a long sequence, from the first intake call to a possible appeal, and AI can carry weight at nearly every stage.

What it cannot do is decide the case. At every stage there is a point where the work stops being assembly and becomes judgment. That point belongs to the lawyer, every time.

This guide walks the arc and marks both: where AI earns its place, and where the file passes back to you. The throughline is candor and verification, the same duties that govern everything else you file.

AI can move the file to the decision faster. **It cannot make the decision.** Keep that line bright at every stage.

Reference: ABA Formal Opinion 512, 2024; ABA Model Rule 3.3; EOIR practice rules.

# Stage by stage

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<b>Intake and screening</b> FIRST CONTACT	AI structures the facts and flags likely forms of relief. The lawyer assesses eligibility and risk.
<b>NTA review and pleadings</b> THE CHARGES	AI organizes the allegations and charges into a clean summary. The lawyer decides admissions, denials, and concessions.
<b>Applications</b> RELIEF FILINGS	AI assembles forms, builds the evidence index, and drafts declaration outlines. The lawyer owns the theory of the case.
<b>Country conditions</b> THE RECORD	AI gathers and organizes material with sources attached. The lawyer verifies every source against the original.
<b>Hearing preparation</b> THE MERITS	AI drafts timelines, exhibit lists, and cross outlines. The lawyer prepares the testimony and the client.
<b>Appeal to the BIA or circuit</b> THE REVIEW	AI issue-spots the record and drafts shells. The lawyer writes the argument and confirms every citation.

# Where AI must not go

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Four places on a removal file where the work is yours alone, no matter how capable the tool.

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- **Legal judgment.** Eligibility, strategy, and what gets conceded are decisions, not drafts.
  - **Credibility and testimony.** How a client tells their story is a human relationship, prepared by a human.
  - **The client relationship.** Counsel, reassurance, and hard news are not tasks to automate.
  - **Anything filed unverified.** No citation, source, or translation goes to the court until you have confirmed it.
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A removal case can end someone's life in this country as they know it. **The judgment that carries that weight stays human.**

# At every stage

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A short gate to run before any AI-assisted work product moves to the next stage of the file.

- Client information stayed inside a no-training, contracted tool.
- Every source and citation has been verified in a primary source.
- The legal judgment on this stage was made by the lawyer, not the tool.
- Any translation was checked against the original or sent to a certified translator.
- A human reviewed the work product before it advanced.
- AI use on the matter is recorded.

## WHERE TO START

# Faster to the *decision. Not past it.*

AI can move a removal file through assembly in a fraction of the time. The decisions that determine the outcome still belong to you, and the verification that protects the client is not negotiable.

Simplarity maps AI into your removal workflow stage by stage, with the human decision points and the verification gates built in.

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