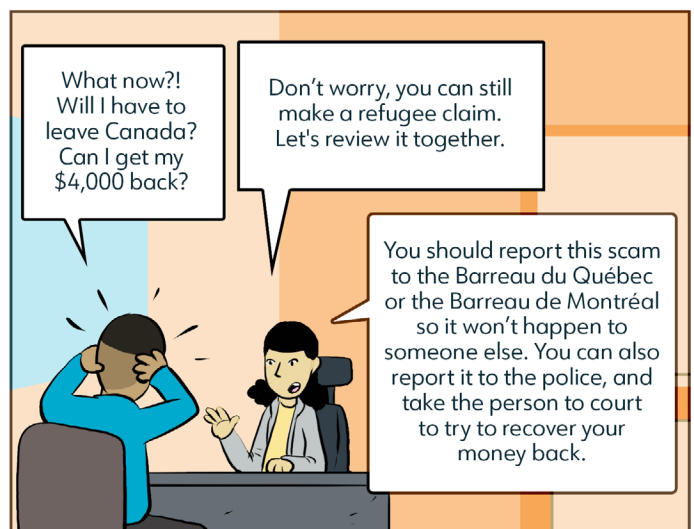
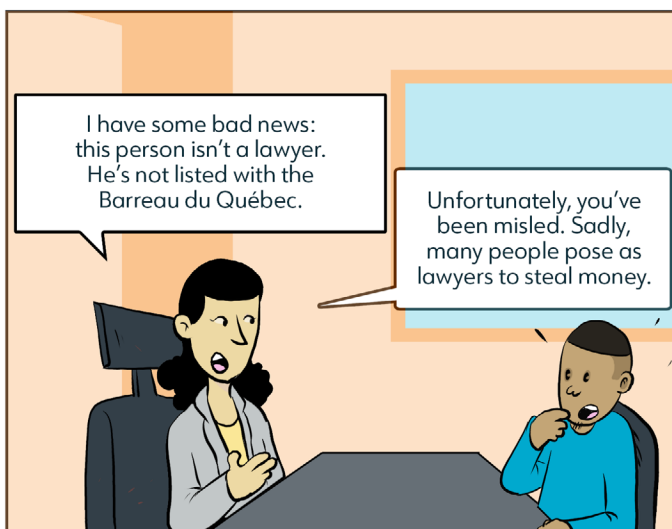
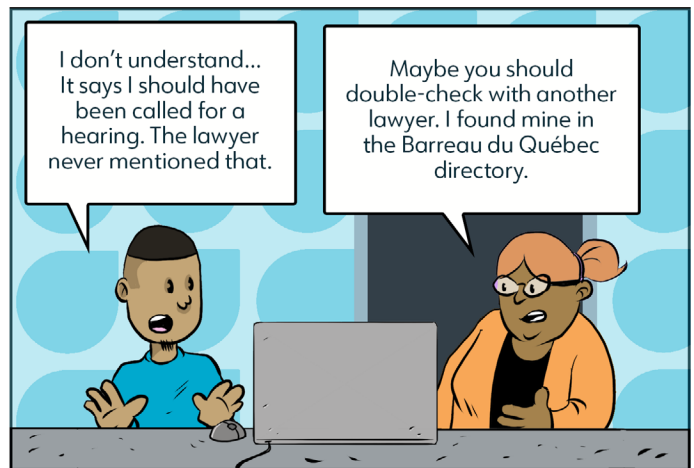
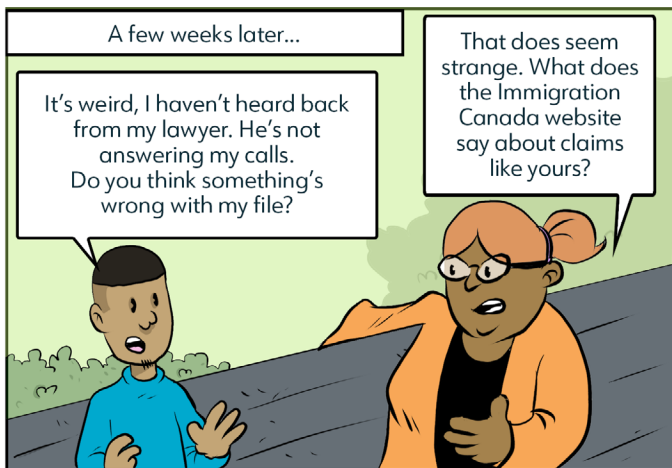
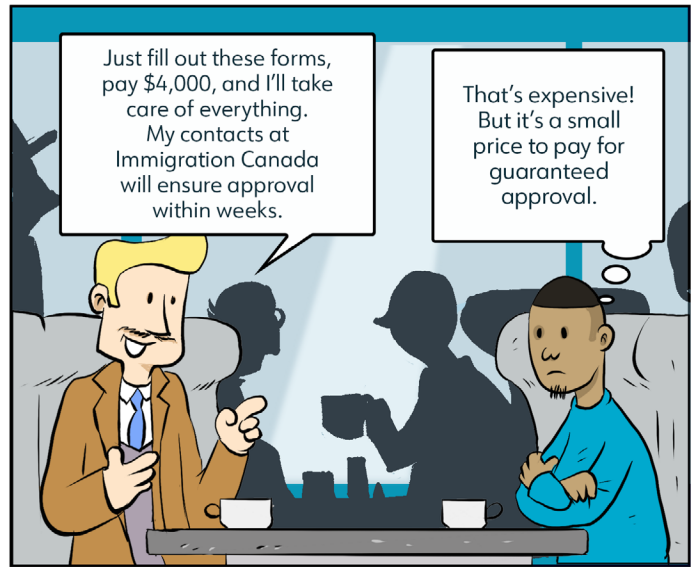


Beware of Fake Lawyers!

Find Qualified Help for Your Immigration Process



Entrusting your immigration file to a fake lawyer can have major consequences.

Before hiring a lawyer, notary, or immigration consultant, make sure they are authorized to represent you.

General information on illegal law practice

- [Barreau de Montréal, fauxavocat.ca/en](https://www.fauxavocat.ca/en)

To verify that a person is a lawyer or notary in Quebec, or an immigration consultant in Canada

- [Barreau du Québec – Lawyers directory](#)
Verify a lawyer's registration in Québec, access contact info, and search by region or practice area (e.g., immigration law).
- [Chambre des notaires du Québec – Find a notary](#)
Verify a notary's registration and contact info.
- [College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants – Public Register](#)
Verify the contact info and registration of Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants and Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors.

Reporting a fake lawyer, notary, or immigration consultant

- [Barreau du Québec – File a complaint for illegal practice](#)
Report someone falsely claiming to be a lawyer in Québec.
- [Barreau de Montréal – File a Complaint](#)
Report someone falsely claiming to be a lawyer on the island of Montréal or elsewhere in Québec.
- [Chambre des notaires du Québec – Reporting the Illegal Practice of the Notarial Profession](#)
Report someone falsely claiming to be a notary in Québec.
- [Collège des consultants en immigration et en citoyenneté – Unauthorized Practice](#)
Report someone falsely claiming to be an immigration consultant in Canada.

Taking action if you've been scammed

Filing a Police Complaint

Fraud is a crime in Canada. If someone has falsely claimed to be a lawyer or immigration consultant and defrauded you, you can report it to the police. For more information:

- [Éducaloi, Reporting a Crime to the Police](#)

Seeking Compensation

If someone falsely claimed to be a lawyer, a notary or an immigration consultant and took your money, you can sue them in civil court.

The court may order the person to repay the lost funds and may also order them to compensate you for damages beyond financial loss. For more information:

- [Éducaloi, Small Claims: Going to Court Without a Lawyer](#)

You can also apply for compensation through the Compensation for Crime Victims (IVAC) program. You don't need to file a police complaint to access this program. For more information:

- [Éducaloi, Compensation for Crime Victims \(IVAC\)](#)
- [Compensation for Crime Victims \(IVAC\)](#)

For more information on regulated professions in Québec

- [Éducaloi, Regulated Professions in Quebec](#)