

Law School 2.0 Ukraine Hackathon

Weightmans

INSTRUCTION +

1. Background and challenge

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Millions of people have now fled their homes in Ukraine from war.

As bordering countries open their doors, we responded to the call from Law School 2.0 asking their community to explore problems and design solutions to challenges in mass immigration and integration.

We participated Support48, a 48 hour challenge to create legal tech solutions to improve both the lives of those fleeing and the capabilities of organisations and individuals assisting.

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Ensuring lawyers have the tools to succeed

2. Considerations



Language Barrier

This challenge is compounded if there is a language barrier. Can we translate our tool to make it more widely accessible?



Tools for lawyers

Our aim is to give lawyers the tools they need to increase their capacity and to help people more effectively and correctly.



Next Steps

EU law says Ukraine refugees can stay for a year but the Refugee is going to need to work and potentially stay for a longer period of time. What is next after the immediate needs are met?

3. Problem statement

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What problem are we trying to solve?

I am one of few immigration lawyers in my jurisdiction with many Ukrainian clients. They are seeking to stay beyond the temporary period granted to them.

I need to reduce the time it takes to gather the initial information in order to assess the correct route for each client's claim, i.e. asylum, residency, pre-settled status, leave to remain etc. and also to reduce the time to complete the necessary documentation, which includes the duplication of information across multiple application forms.

I need to obtain information accurately where English is not my clients first language. I also need to find a way to prioritise the most urgent cases based on various factors.

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4. MVP with

The image shows two screenshots of the MVP interface. The top screenshot is in English, showing a header with the Weightmans logo and a hamburger menu. Below is a box titled "Instruction +" with a sub-header "Now you have made the decision to take legal steps that allows you a more permanent residence, this tool will capture the information a lawyer will need to help you with these next steps. You must answer these questions truthfully and advise your lawyer if there has been a change to any of your answers." and a "Next" button. The bottom screenshot is in Ukrainian, showing the same interface with the title "Інструкція+" and a "Наступний" button.

5. Benefits

