



Case Study: British Citizenship



Overview

Having obtained settlement our client wished to submit a nationality application. However, he was concerned with aspects relating to the absence and Good Character requirements.

Our Advice

As the stamps in his passport were unclear and showed an inordinate amount of absence, it was suggested that a Subject Access Request be submitted so as to obtain the client's data relating to his Passenger History. Having analysed the same we were able to collate a schedule of absences and ascertain that the majority of excess absences occurred during the global pandemic. Therefore, discretion could be requested in this respect. Our client's Home Office file also indicated a Criminal offence which our client had believed to be unratified. We therefore suggested that he obtain written confirmation from ACRO Criminal Records Office, as well as a certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) as evidence that he had no record of Convictions, Cautions, Reprimands and Warnings.

Result

Following the submission of detailed representations and a request for exercise of discretion, together with the provision of relevant supporting documentation, our client was granted British citizenship.