

FULL COMPARISON

# VisaFlo vs Clio

Clio is general-practice legal software. It can't generate Canadian IMM forms or autofill the IRCC portal. VisaFlo is built for exactly that — the daily work of Canadian immigration professionals.

60 → 30

MINUTES  
form-filling per case  
reported by Idea Immigration, BC

<1

MINUTE  
to generate a complete IMM  
package  
VisaFlo product benchmark, July 2026

8

HOURS  
saved per week  
reported by Idea Immigration, BC

## Feature by feature

Clio wins on general-practice depth; VisaFlo wins on everything specific to Canadian immigration. The question is which one your caseload looks like.

|                                                          | VisaFlo                                                           | Clio                                |
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| CASE MANAGEMENT                                          |                                                                   |                                     |
| Purpose-built for Canadian immigration                   | ✓ Included                                                        | ✗ General legal practice management |
| Immigration case types & intake templates out of the box | ✓ Case types, checklists, defaults                                | – Build your own custom fields      |
| Native mobile app                                        | – Mobile web — no app needed                                      | ✓ iOS & Android apps                |
| E-signature built in                                     | ✓ Clients sign inside VisaFlo; certificate of authenticity issued | ✓ Via built-in & integrated e-sign  |
| Storage for case files                                   | ✓ Unlimited                                                       | –                                   |
| AUTOFILL & FORMS                                         |                                                                   |                                     |
| IMM (XFA) PDF autogeneration [1]                         | ✓ Under a minute, zero setup                                      | ✗ Needs integrations, US-focused    |
| IRCC online portal autofill                              | ✓ One-click Chrome extension                                      | ✗ Not available                     |
| Document automation from case data                       | ✓ Immigration docs auto-filled                                    | ✓ Templates via Clio Draft          |
| AI assistance                                            | ✓ AI extraction, drafting, autofill                               | ✓ Clio Duo (general legal AI)       |
| CLIENT INTAKE                                            |                                                                   |                                     |
| Intake tailored to case type                             | ✓ Only asks what the case needs                                   | – Clio Grow custom forms            |
| Multilingual intake                                      | ✓ 13 languages                                                    | –                                   |

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Eligibility auto-scoring                    | ✓ Scores with pathway recommendation           | –                                 |
| Document auto-rename & compression for IRCC | ✓ Submission-ready output                      | ✗ Not available                   |
| BILLING & DOCUMENTS                         |                                                |                                   |
| Retainer & agreement auto-generation        | ✓ Auto-filled from client data                 | –                                 |
| Invoicing & payments                        | ✓ Stripe, PDF invoices, milestones & reminders | ✓ Clio Payments built in          |
| Trust accounting & legal-specific reporting | – Launching in July                            | ✓ Deep, incl. trust accounting    |
| Time tracking & hourly billing              | – Flat-fee oriented                            | ✓ Core strength                   |
| Integration ecosystem                       | – Focused set for immigration work             | ✓ 200+ integrations               |
| CLIENT ENGAGEMENT                           |                                                |                                   |
| AI chatbot on your website                  | ✓ Answers visitors, captures leads             | ✗ Not available                   |
| Consultation booking, payments & notes      | ✓ Included                                     | – Scheduler; no client AI chatbot |
| Client portal                               | ✓ Included                                     | ✓ Clio for Clients portal         |
| COMPLIANCE & UPDATES                        |                                                |                                   |
| IRCC regulatory change alerts               | – Launching soon                               | ✗ Not available                   |
| Forms kept current with IRCC                | ✓ Live monitored                               | ✗ IMM forms out of scope          |
| Data hosted in Canada                       | ✓ Included                                     | –                                 |
| SUPPORT & PRICING                           |                                                |                                   |
| Support channels                            | ✓ Email, phone & WhatsApp                      | ✓ 24/5 + extensive resources      |
| Custom features on request                  | ✓ Direct access to the product team            | ✗ Platform-scale roadmap          |
| Pricing model [2]                           | ✓ All included, case-volume based              | – Per-user, per-tier pricing      |

[1] Clio's document automation covers US court and federal immigration forms via tools like Docketwise; Canadian IMM XFA forms are not supported (clio.com immigration pages).

[2] Clio's published plans are billed per user per month across tiers (clio.com/pricing).

Comparison based on each vendor's public product and pricing pages and VisaFlo customer reports, as of July 2026. A dash without a caption means the capability was not publicly verified. Spot something outdated? Email [info@vflo.app](mailto:info@vflo.app) — we'll verify and fix it fast.

# Why firms switch

## The forms Clio can't touch

Canadian IMM forms are XFA-PDFs — a format unique to Canadian immigration practice that general document automation doesn't handle. VisaFlo autogenerates complete IMM packages in under a minute with no setup, and its Chrome extension autofills the IRCC online portal as IRCC moves applications online. Clio's document automation covers US court and federal immigration forms via integrations, not Canadian IMM forms.

## Canadian immigration setup out of the box

In Clio, immigration practice means building custom fields, custom intake forms, and custom templates yourself. In VisaFlo, case types, tailored intake, document checklists, and IRCC-ready document handling are the defaults — because the platform only does immigration.

## Costs that don't scale with headcount

Clio charges per user, per tier — every paralegal and assistant adds to the monthly bill. VisaFlo pricing scales with case volume rather than headcount and includes direct support over email, phone, and WhatsApp.

## Idea Immigration made the switch

Idea Immigration moved to VisaFlo from Officio. Per-case form-filling went from an hour to about 30 minutes — roughly 8 hours back every week — and the custom features they requested shipped within days.

### See it on your own cases

Bring a real client case to a 15-minute demo — we'll generate the IMM package live.

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