

## PREFACE

I am proud to have been a co-editor of *Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law* over the past decade because I view it a prime example of unity among immigration lawyers. The authors of the chapters herein spent many, many hours writing extremely helpful articles and generously sharing their expertise to guide both practitioners new to the practice of immigration law, as well as experienced immigration lawyers who need a desktop reference for important issues that arise daily.

The 2025–26 edition covers the full gamut of immigration law fundamentals, such as key definitions and concepts; ethics; business immigration basics; PERM; H, L, E, O, and P nonimmigrant workers; adjustment of status; lawyering at consular posts; family-based permanent residency; naturalization; waivers; detention; and immigration consequences of criminal convictions. The article “What Every New Immigration Lawyer Should Know” is absolutely a must read for every beginning immigration lawyer, chock full of wonderful tips and advice for those new to our profession.

As in the past, this year’s edition features full-length articles that provide a general overview of practice areas, as well as invaluable “practice advisories,” which offer targeted insights, rather than comprehensive overviews of an entire practice area. All articles and practice advisories are written by highly experienced and accomplished immigration lawyers and are peer reviewed, and most contain helpful practice pointers.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as co-editor of *Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law* and to see all the hard work that our amazing fellow AILA members put into these very impressive, scholarly articles that are sure to help every reader be a better immigration lawyer. In addition, it is always wonderful working with the AILA staff. For the 2025–26 edition, that includes Sarah Redzic, AILA Associate Director of Publications, and Jenni Dart, Editor. Thank you to Sarah and Jenni for their leadership and contributions, and to all our authors for the wonderful job they have done on this year’s articles—we greatly appreciate it.

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