

PREFACE

Welcome to the 2026–27 edition of *AILA's Immigration Practice Pointers*, the advanced-level handbook prepared as a supplement to the 2026 AILA Annual Conference. Each panel's goal in preparing the practice advisories contained within was to write a brief, though still in-depth and informative, guide to a particular topic, based on the bullet points for that panel (as listed in the conference program). The form each practice pointer took—whether formal article, informal Q&A, etc.—was left up to each panel to decide.

As in the past, this book collects a wealth of information and practical advice from some of the foremost authorities in the various subject areas. The handbook begins with advisories covering law practice management, diversity, and ethics. Following that, you'll find expert analysis and guidance on a wide range of substantive topics, including family immigration, business immigration, asylum, removal, litigation, and crimmigration, humanitarian issues, and more.

***Note:** Content in this book is only current as of the date of original submission, so please do not rely on it as your sole source of information. Instead, use the materials in this book as part of more exhaustive legal research.

Beginning practitioners and others seeking a more basic understanding of the concepts underlying particular areas of immigration law should refer to this book's companion volume—*Navigating the Fundamentals*, 2026–27 ed. AILA offers that tome to complement the more advanced and/or specialized content contained in this handbook.

Thanks go out to all the contributing authors for finding time within their busy schedules to make this book happen. These colleagues of yours volunteered their time and expertise to ensure the articles you read are of the highest quality possible.

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