



Immigrant Legal Resource Center Practical Legal Guides



A Guide for Immigration Advocates – NEW

A Guide for Immigration Advocates is a two-volume, practical guide for advocates to use in their everyday practice. In addition to substantive law, each chapter includes information on critical books and resources for your library, Internet research, systems for identifying the potential remedies in a case, and how to manage a caseload. This book is a real-time saver for attorneys and other practitioners, whether working for a community organization or in private practice.

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Removal Defense: Defending Immigrants in Immigration Court – NEW

Removal Defense: Defending Immigrants in Immigration Court is a quick reference to key issues in removal defense, with a focus on the practical questions that aren't easily answered by combing the regulations and case law. This resource covers an overview of immigration proceedings, the grounds of inadmissibility and deportability, pleading to the Notice to Appear, trial practice tips, and a look at common forms of relief from removal, including cancellation of removal for both lawful permanent residents and non-residents, as well as asylum. The last chapter is dedicated to motions to reopen—a great resource for those helping individuals with old removal orders.

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FOIA Requests and Other Background Checks – NEW

FOIA Requests and Other Background Checks provides practitioners with a one-stop guide for information about why, when, where, and how to file background checks in immigration cases. This guide describes the various federal agencies and components that generally hold immigration records, explains how to request records and appeal denials or incomplete responses, and provides tips for certain circumstances, such as representing minors or immigrants in removal proceedings.

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The U Visa

Completely updated, the 6th edition will guide you through the process of handling an immigration case for a U visa petitioner – from eligibility screening for U nonimmigrant status, to communicating about the waitlist and deferred action, through adjustment of status, to assisting eligible family members, and helping U nonimmigrants travel. New in this edition: Representing U visa petitioners in removal proceedings; practice pointers on new policies regarding fee waiver eligibility and adjudications; discussions of how the new NTA policy affects U visa petitioners and case strategy; information on current U waitlist and deferred action policies and procedures; updates and flowcharts for assisting U nonimmigrant clients with travel issues, parole, and consular processing, and U adjustment of status application developments.

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Inadmissibility & Deportability

Inadmissibility & Deportability is a practical and easy to use guide for beginning immigration attorneys, paralegals, nonprofit community-based organizations, and other advocates on the grounds of inadmissibility, deportability, and waivers. Written in plain English and filled with explanatory examples, charts and practical suggestions, this go-to resource helps assess whether your client is subject to the grounds of inadmissibility or deportability. New in this addition: A chapter dedicated to unlawful presence and removal grounds of inadmissibility; important new updates to the criminal grounds of admissibility and deportability; up-to-date discussion of the categorical approach in immigration proceedings, and explanation of the proposed rule related to public charge in the Federal Register.

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Public Charge and Immigration Law – UPDATED EDITION COMING SOON!

Note: Some of the content of this manual no longer reflects the current state of public charge in its entirety. Please see our website or ask our Publication Sales Associate for more details. The first edition of Public Charge and Immigration Law will help individuals better understand the current state of public charge and how it applies to immigrant families. While public charge has been a part of our immigration laws for more than a hundred years, the future of public charge is uncertain. Existing standards to determine the likelihood of becoming a public charge have been in place for almost twenty years, but an October 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security signaled that changes may be on the horizon. Those who apply for immigrant visas at U.S. consulates abroad have already started to see changes in how public charge is evaluated. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of the public charge ground of inadmissibility, who is subject to it, and the legal standard to assess public charge, and includes the current affidavit of support requirement processes and sample materials. It is designed for those who serve immigrant communities that qualify for public benefits and services.

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Book & PDF: \$125 Regular / \$95 Nonprofit

T Visas: A Critical Immigration Option for Survivors of Human Trafficking

This publication guides you through the entire process of representing a human trafficking survivor in their immigration case. In its first edition, this resource provides a thorough explanation of the requirements and processes for all of the following immigration situations: Completing T nonimmigrant status and adjustment applications, assisting derivative family members, representing survivors in removal proceedings, recognizing secondary trauma, and ensuring self-care.

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Book & PDF: \$220 Regular / \$165 Nonprofit

Naturalization and U.S. Citizenship: The Essential Legal Guide

This indispensable guide thoroughly addresses the entire process of representing a naturalization applicant from the initial client meeting through the oath of allegiance. This edition contains a detailed explanation of the nuances involved in determining whether a naturalization applicant has sufficient good moral character to qualify for naturalization, a clear and complete description of the myriad of ways in which an absence could affect one's naturalization application, and an explanation of the newest N-400 form and how to best complete it.

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Book & PDF: \$420 Regular / \$235 Nonprofit

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Other Immigration Options for Children & Youth

This manual is an essential guide for those representing the increased number of unaccompanied minors who have migrated to the U.S. in recent years, and those representing immigrant youth who were brought to the U.S. at a young age and know no other home. This resource provides background and guidance on the protections, procedures, and immigration options for immigrant children, including unaccompanied minors under the TVPRA. It focuses on SIJS, with an in-depth discussion of the legal requirements for SIJS eligibility, including "one-parent" SIJS cases, and step-by-step guidance for representing SIJS-eligible youth in both affirmative and defensive applications.

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Essentials of Asylum Law

Combining up-to-date case law, innovative legal arguments on currently developing issues, and decades of expertise from accomplished practitioners who have successfully represented clients through the years, *Essentials of Asylum Law* offers an expansive explanation of the legal theories and rules underpinning current asylum claims. We explore each of the legal elements of an asylum claim, beginning with the definition of persecution and the requirements to demonstrate a "well-founded fear" of persecution. An extensive discussion of the five enumerated grounds follows, including a detailed overview of the *nexus* requirement and current formulations of particular social groups.

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Motions to Suppress: Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Immigrants in Removal Proceedings

Motions to Suppress: Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Immigrants in Removal Proceedings is a critical reference book for immigration practitioners. Practical and informative, it covers the relevant sources of law needed to exclude unlawfully obtained evidence in immigration court, provides sample motions to suppress, and addresses the rights of detained immigrants.

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Book & PDF: \$245 Regular / \$165 Nonprofit

Families & Immigration: A Practical Guide

An essential tool for practitioners who assist in all aspects of family-sponsored immigration, this guide is designed for everyday practice by new and seasoned immigration attorneys, immigration paralegals, community-based organizations, and family immigration advocates. Completely updated, this new edition guides you step-by-step through the process of filing a family-based visa petition, an adjustment of status, immigrant visa application or any other related form or application.

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The VAWA Manual

The 7th edition of this comprehensive guide for advocates working with immigrant survivors of domestic violence includes VAWA self-petitioning requirements and process, adjustment of status, inadmissibility grounds and waivers, removal proceedings and motions to reopen VAWA, cancellation of removal, conditional permanent residency, consular processing, and much more!

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Book & PDF: \$275 Regular / \$195 Nonprofit

Hardship in Immigration Law: How to Prepare Winning Applications for Hardship Waivers and Cancellation of Removal

This manual describes in detail the different standards applicable in hardship law and factors involved in that analysis. This guide demonstrates how to work with clients to elicit and to convey the information that will win a hardship claim. The appendices include sample non-LPR cancellation cover letters, waiver cover letters, provisional waiver materials, declaration guides, sample support letters, FOIA practice advisory and sample FOIA requests, provisional waiver practice advisory, summary of hardship case law, and many other essential tools.

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Book & PDF: \$280 Regular / \$210 Nonprofit

Remedies and Strategies for Permanent Resident Clients

Protect your permanent resident clients from removal under a deportation or inadmissibility ground using the expert analysis and framework for representation contained in this manual. Designed as a “how to” manual, we provide clear, concise and detailed explanations of the grounds of removal permanent residents are most likely to face; when the grounds of inadmissibility and deportation do and don’t apply; how to argue that they don’t apply, and the immigration remedies available for each.

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Book & PDF: \$260 Regular / \$190 Nonprofit

Parole in Immigration Law

We created the first comprehensive publication about parole in immigration law to give practitioners a one-stop guide to the legal requirements of the different types of parole. *Parole in Immigration Law* thoroughly addresses the three main forms of parole: advance parole, humanitarian parole, and parole-in-place. This resource provides an in-depth discussion of complex legal issues in easily accessible language, complete with a how-to guide for filling out the parole application form. The appendices include sample parole applications and cover letters; USCIS, ICE, and CBP memoranda on parole issues; a sample RFE; an advance parole cover letter template; travel checklist; and other tools for private attorneys and nonprofit practitioners exploring parole as an option.

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DACA: The Essential Legal Guide

DACA: The Essential Legal Guide is a comprehensive and practice-oriented overview of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This edition reflects new information and clarifications that have emerged during the DACA program’s implementation, provides in-depth analysis of criminal and juvenile issues, and expands on what applicants can do after they receive DACA.

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Book & PDF: \$190 Regular / \$145 Nonprofit

LGBTQ Immigration: Ensuring Equality for All

The first LGBTQ immigration-focused publication, this resource is ideal for immigration practitioners interested in developing their cultural competency and legal expertise in the area of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) immigration. Confronted with the same cumbersome immigration system as other immigrants, individuals who identify as LGBTQ often face unique challenges. Understanding how an LGBTQ identity influences an individual’s immigration experience is crucial to ensuring that LGBTQ immigrants receive culturally competent services that adequately meet their needs.

Book or PDF: \$100 Regular / \$70 Nonprofit
Book & PDF: \$135 Regular / \$105 Nonprofit

Representing Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Promising Practices Handbook

The objective of this handbook is to provide a roadmap based on real cases, including the mistakes and lessons learned and promising practices, that will save other advocates time and energy as you continue to build more effective capacity for assisting trafficked persons. The roadmap includes an overview of the basics, as well as fundamentals of trafficking cases for a team-based model to serve survivors of trafficking. Included are tips for identifying a potential victim of human trafficking, addressing the most common questions about a trafficking situation, and how to deal with practical challenges of a trafficking case.

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Book & PDF: \$155 Regular / \$120 Nonprofit

Defending Immigrants in the Ninth Circuit with 2013 Case Update

This 1400-page manual shows step-by-step how to identify, analyze, and defend against the adverse immigration consequences of criminal charges and convictions. Designed for both immigration and criminal defense attorneys, it uses a combination of user-friendly charts, summaries, practice aids, and in-depth discussion of current case law and emerging defense strategies. This book includes extensive discussion of other Ninth Circuit state laws. The Case Update provides the 2013 update only to the 10th Edition and does not include the full book.

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