

## PREFACE

We currently find ourselves in an incredibly turbulent period in history amid the coronavirus pandemic. While the entire world is struggling with this crisis, it is sometimes difficult as immigration lawyers not to feel as though it is especially challenging for us as we try to help our clients to navigate these very rough waters. To me, the best—perhaps only—way to survive this period is through uniting with my fellow immigration lawyers. Fortunately, we have the wonderful American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), of which I am extremely proud to be a member, which does a tremendous job of facilitating this unity.

*Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law* is a prime example of this unity among immigration lawyers, which is so important these days. 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 2021–22 Edition really 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 recently added 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, 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* for the past six years, and 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 to be a better immigration lawyer. In addition, it has been wonderful working with John “JJ” Area, AILA Education Program Manager. Thank you to JJ for his leadership, and all our authors for the wonderful job you have done on this year’s articles—we greatly appreciate it.

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