

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I originally wrote this book in 2017 and focused it almost exclusively on the affidavit of support. After U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State published final public charge rules in 2019, it became obvious that I needed to expand the book and provide practical information on how the agencies were interpreting and implementing their respective new rules. Several immigration practitioners have helped me with this understanding, and I am thankful to all of them. I am particularly thankful to the following persons:

Thushanti Kamalakanth, from Goshen, Indiana, for sharing all her experiences and those of other practitioners on various listservs.

Miguel Naranjo, CLINIC Director, Religious Immigration Services, for his interpretation of the public charge rule as it affects religious workers.

Ilissa Mira, CLINIC Staff Attorney, for her research and assistance with various issues, including health insurance, credit reports, and foreign education assessments.

Susan Schreiber, CLINIC Managing Attorney, for her insight, meticulous editing, and deep knowledge of immigration law. It is to her that I dedicate this book and to her lifetime of service helping low income immigrants and the nonprofit agency staff who represent them. It has been my greatest honor and pleasure to have worked with her while at CLINIC.

Stephanie Browning, the consummate editor, for being so good with words and for putting mine in the right places.