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I originally wrote this book in 2017 and focused it almost exclusively on the affidavit of support. After U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Department of State (DOS) 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. In 2021, after the Biden Administration reversed the prior administration's efforts and the Department of Homeland Security published final regulations redefining public charge in 2022, it became necessary to rewrite the book. As a result, this current edition captures the state of the law in this area. I am grateful to the many immigration practitioners who have provided anecdotal information as to how the USCIS and DOS are now enforcing this ground of inadmissibility.