

## PREFACE

Welcome to a remarkable book with many outstanding articles by exceptional people. In this volume, you will find guidance for those new to the subject, as well as sophisticated technical analysis and useful practice tips that even advanced experts will appreciate.

This book has a special place in the history of publications by and for immigration professionals, and a uniquely distinguished pedigree among AILA publications.

Once upon a time, there was no AILA and there were no expert immigration books published by AILA. This book is a direct descendant of *Immigration Options for Professors and Researchers*, published in 1994 and prepared under the pioneering leadership of Robert P. Deasy as editor-in chief and Amy Novick as managing editor. The predecessor of this volume holds the distinction of being the first book ever published in AILA's now expansive Occupational Guidebook Series. Over the years, the 1994 edition and the 2005 "first edition" *Immigration Options for Academics and Researchers*, with Dan Berger and Scott Borene as editors-in-chief, have become AILA classic reference tools. This "second edition," prepared by co-editors-in-chief Dan Berger and Rita Sostrin, is a worthy successor.

All three volumes are also unique because the contents are the fruit of an extraordinary collaboration by top immigration experts in the American bar and the American higher education community. The alloyed strength of this joint effort truly makes this a better and more useful book.

Six years ago, Senator Patrick Leahy said in his foreword to the 2005 edition, "[T]he officials of our government, from top to bottom, must present a welcoming face and always make it clear that the United States remains open and enthusiastic about inviting students and scholars from around the world. That would truly be in our national interest." Marlene Johnson, the executive director of NAFSA, in her foreword, added, "[T]he Secretaries of State and of Homeland Security, as well as their senior staff, have articulated what is at stake for the United States: failing to attract the world's best and brightest to our academic institutions is not only bad for our universities and our economy but has long-term national security implications. We simply cannot afford to be complacent about our role in educating the world's future leaders." In 2011, 10 years after 9/11, we clearly have a lot more work to do.

Above the Dexter Gate to the Harvard Yard are these words: "Enter to grow in wisdom." Above the gates to Hades, says Dante, are the words "*Lasciate ogni speranza, voi ch'entrata*" (Abandon all hope, ye who enter). Immigration lawyers struggling with the bureaucratic obstacles confronting academics seeking work permits and green cards in America should be forgiven for sometimes feeling that they have taken a wrong turn and wound up in Dante's Inferno. As you journey through the labyrinth of U.S. immigration rules for academics, I trust that you will find this book an excellent companion to help guide you and your clients on their way.

Enter this book and grow in wisdom.

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