

People often ask me if I can recommend a single comprehensive yet readable book about immigration law. Until now, my answer has been ‘no.’ But that’s changed with the publication of the *Essentials of Immigration Law* by Professor Richard Boswell. This book is ideal for law students, paralegals, law clerks, and laypersons. The word ‘essential’ in the title is most appropriate, because the book covers everything that one needs to know about this dynamic and complex field of law. Professor Boswell’s book is now that one comprehensive yet readable book about immigration law. I recommend it with pleasure.

—*Alberto Manuel Benitez, Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Immigration Clinic, The George Washington University School of Law*

Professor Richard Boswell has written a thoughtful and extremely useful text on the essentials of immigration and refugee law. Drawing from his own excellent scholarship and that of others, he has put together a primer that covers all the bases in this fascinating and important field of study and practice. It is well organized, carefully constructed, and very detailed. I expect to use this often: for convenience, for reference, and for teaching short courses . . . .

—*Michael A. Olivas, William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law, University of Houston Law Center*

*Essentials of Immigration Law* is geared toward attorneys who are new to the practice of immigration law. The book provides a brief overview of the entire body of immigration law, and does it in a format that is easy to read and comprehend.

—*Nancy M. Lawrence, professorial lecturer and adjunct professor at The George Washington University and American University*

The author, Richard Boswell, takes a remarkably complex area of the law—which many have compared to the even more complicated area of U.S. tax law—and makes it interesting and understandable to the reader. This book is an excellent resource for law students studying immigration law. This text is also ‘must have’ for lawyers and non-lawyers alike, who are not familiar with U.S. immigration laws but need a handy tool to refer to with questions on this area of the law. The author’s many years of both practical and teaching experience come together in this work to produce a much needed resource for all those interested in the immigration and nationality laws and history of the United States.

—*Anna Marie Gallagher, attorney and author, Immigration Law Service, 2d, a Thomson-West immigration law treatise*