

PREFACE

As we anticipate reform legislation that may significantly change certain aspects of immigration practice, let's take comfort in what we do know—and the authors of the articles comprising this year's *Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook* know quite a bit. Collected here from some of the foremost authorities in the field is a wealth of information and practical advice on a wide array of issues that you will encounter at some point in your practice, or that perhaps you grapple with on a daily basis. The intricacies of labor certification applications and PERM, the various employment-based paths to immigrant and nonimmigrant visas, admissibility waivers, litigation issues—you'll find expert analysis and guidance on these topics and many more within these pages.

The articles in this *Handbook* were written by panelists from the advanced and masters track sessions at this year's AILA Annual Conference, with contributions by several other authors writing on topics of current interest. Beginning practitioners and others seeking an understanding of the basic concepts underlying particular areas of immigration law also should obtain this book's conference companion, *Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law: Guidance and Tips for Successful Practice*. AILA offers that tome, updated by panelists from the fundamentals track sessions, and Richard Boswell's *Essentials of Immigration Law*, to complement the more advanced-level and specialized articles contained in this *Handbook*.

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