

## PREFACE

Welcome to the 2019–20 edition of *AILA's Immigration Practice Pointers*, the advanced-level handbook prepared as a supplement to this year's annual conference. Each panel's goal in preparing the practice advisories contained within was to write a brief, though still in-depth and informative, guide to a particular topic, based on the bullet points for that panel (as listed in the annual conference program). The form each practice pointer took—whether formal article, informal Q&A, etc.—was left up to each panel to decide.

As in the past, this book collects a wealth of information and practical advice from some of the foremost authorities in the various subject areas. The handbook begins with advisories covering law practice management and ethics. Following that, you'll find expert analysis and guidance on a wide range of substantive topics, including family immigration, business immigration, asylum, removal, litigation, crimmigration, and consular issues.

The articles in this handbook were written by panelists from the advanced and masters track sessions for the 2019 AILA Annual Conference in Orlando. Beginning practitioners and others seeking a more basic understanding of the concepts underlying particular areas of immigration law should refer to this book's companion volume—*Navigating the Fundamentals*, 2019–20 Ed.—also available free to all conference attendees. AILA offers that tome to complement the more advanced-level and specialized articles contained in this handbook.

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