PREFACE

We currently find ourselves in an incredibly turbulent period in history amid the coronavirus pandemic. While the entire world is struggling with this crisis, it is sometimes difficult as immigration lawyers not to feel as though it is especially challenging for us, with the Trump administration’s unrelenting attack against immigration heaped on top of it all. To me, the best—perhaps only—way to survive this period is through uniting with my fellow immigration lawyers. Fortunately, we have the wonderful American Immigration Lawyers Association, of which I am extremely proud to be a member, which does a tremendous job of facilitating this unity.

Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law is a prime example of this unity amongst immigration lawyers which is so important these days. The authors of the chapters herein spent many, many hours writing extremely helpful articles and generously sharing their expertise to guide both practitioners new to the practice of immigration law, as well as experienced immigration lawyers who need a desktop reference for important issues that arise daily.

The 2020–21 Edition really covers the full gamut of immigration law fundamentals such as ethics; marketing; business immigration; Form I-9 audits; PERM; H, L, E, O, and P nonimmigrant workers; adjustment of status; lawyering at consular posts; family-based permanent residency; naturalization; waivers; detention; and immigration consequences of criminal convictions.

As in the past, this year’s edition features full-length articles that provide a general overview of practice areas, as well as invaluable “practice advisories,” which offer targeted insights, rather than comprehensive overviews of an entire practice area. All articles and practice advisories are written by highly experienced and accomplished immigration lawyers, peer-reviewed, and most contain helpful practice pointers.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as Co-Editor of Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law for the past five years and see all the hard work that our amazing fellow AILA members put into these very impressive, scholarly articles that are sure to help every reader to be a better immigration lawyer. Thank you to all our authors for the wonderful job you have done on this year’s articles—we greatly appreciate it.

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