

PREFACE

This book is written for practitioners, government officials, judges, students, and everyone interested in a detailed knowledge of immigration law. It is designed to be a quick reference to federal and administrative cases, regulations and statutes, and INS/DHS, DOS, and DOL rulings on significant issues in the field. The book represents my research over more than 30 years on topics and issues that are relevant to practicing lawyers and students of immigration law.

Although we are fortunate in the immigration field to have a number of outstanding treatises and in-depth reference materials, as a practitioner, I was often frustrated by their lengthy explanations when all I sought were short citations to relevant cases and materials. This *Sourcebook* does not attempt to compete with or be a substitute for any treatise; it is designed to be used to pinpoint the significant cases and references on a particular topic, or as a basis for further research on a particular issue. The book was intentionally written as a one-volume resource tool to make the user's research more convenient.

As a guide to practitioners and students, the *Sourcebook* contains the most recent cases and authorities in immigration law. The book is updated biannually and will continue to contain the latest authorities. Be sure to also check the *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook* update page at www.KurzbanUpdate.info for any corrections or further information. This Fourteenth Edition has incorporated all available regulatory and U.S. Supreme Court citations through May 22, 2016, and other federal case citations through April 2016.

Using This Book

This book contains many finding aids, including an extensive keyword index; tables of cases, statutes, and other authorities; and detailed tables of contents at the beginning of each chapter. Depending on the topic you are researching, you may want to begin your research with any of these. Note, however, that ***the detailed chapter tables of contents will be the best way to navigate*** through the outline structure of the text. So even if you find your topic via the index, reference to the (thumb-indexed) table of contents can help you determine the context of where you are in the book (particularly in the complicated areas of Chapters 3 and 4), and it may help you find other relevant topics.

The book also is valuable to law students when read in conjunction with an immigration and nationality course and case book. Each chapter previously has been used as a basis for lecture notes in a law school course on immigration and nationality law. The *Sourcebook* contains references to all major cases cited in Aleinikoff, Martin, Motomura, and Fullerton's *Immigration and Citizenship, Process and Policy*; Richard Boswell's *Immigration and Nationality Law: Cases and Materials*; and Stephen Legomsky's *Immigration Law and Policy* that are used in the teaching of immigration and nationality law. A student can use the text as an outline to the major areas of immigration law that are developed in his or her immigration law course.

The New USCIS Policy Manual and the Newly Reorganized FAM

This edition of the *Sourcebook* contains extensive references to the new USCIS Policy Manual (PM), which will ultimately replace the Adjudicator's Field Manual (AFM), the USCIS Immigration Policy Memoranda site, and other policy repositories. As this is still a transition period, the book contains references to both the AFM and the PM, as appropriate.

Meanwhile, the Department of State has reorganized Volume 9 of the Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM), putting it up on a new website (<http://fam.state.gov>). The cites in this book to the old FAM have been replaced by the equivalent cite in the new version (designated as "FAMe"). In about a half-dozen cases, no equivalent was found in the new scheme, and the old cite remains in the book, with the designation "Former FAM."