

Preface

In this second edition of *The Waivers Book: Advanced Issues in Immigration Practice*, 2nd Ed., AILA continues its tradition of providing highly professional and informative yet succinct information for immigration practitioners; it will likely take its place, along with the first edition, on the shelf of most serious immigration attorneys. This book addresses some of the most important issues in an immigration practice: waivers and other advanced remedies.

The Waivers Book: Advanced Issues in Immigration Practice, 2nd Ed., assumes at least an introductory knowledge of the issues pertinent to practicing immigration law today. It addresses a broad array of topics that arise in any sophisticated immigration practice, and it will be a useful reference tool to both relative newcomers to immigration practice and to those with considerable experience.

The book begins with an introductory chapter, “Waivers from A to Z,” providing a detailed overview of the wide variety of waivers available. From there, it forges a logical progression from the inception of a case with a new client (“Client Interview and Initial Consultation”) to the nuts and bolts issues involved in applying for the most common types of waivers. It covers the persistent waivers surrounding Cancellation of Removal Parts A and B, and waivers available to lawful permanent residents prior to the passage of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. This second edition adds a new chapter on provisional waivers, “Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Importance of Evaluating the Case,” which should prove highly valuable to practitioners.

A thorough coverage of a variety of inadmissibility waivers follows, including those for unlawful presence, reapplying for admission following removal, physical and mental health issues, prostitution, crimes that are more than 15 years old, crimes of moral turpitude, and simple possession of marijuana. The book also addresses waivers pertaining to inadmissibility and deportability for smuggling, and for misrepresentation/fraud in procuring entry documents. Nonimmigrants, generally, and immigrant visas carrying technical defects are also addressed.

From there, the book delves into key areas relating to adjustment of status, refugees and asylees, the Violence Against Women Act, U visa waivers, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. But the book’s scope does not stop there. Canadian nonimmigrants also are covered, and in the final chapter, the work concludes with a discussion of the important issue of both administrative and judicial discretion in immigration decision-making.

As a result of the breadth and depth of the coverage in *The Waivers Book: Advanced Issues in Immigration Practice*, 2nd Ed., this title will prove to be an essential book in the library of both newer and experienced immigration practitioners alike.

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