Preface

Immigration practitioners finally have one book they can turn to that addresses one of the most important issues in their practices: waivers and other advanced remedies.

Assuming at least an introductory knowledge of the issues pertinent to practicing immigration law today, and covering a broad array of topics that arise in any sophisticated immigration practice, The Waivers Book: Advanced Issues in Immigration Law Practice will be a useful reference tool, not only to those who are relatively new to this area of law, but also to those who already have considerable practice 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, the book 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,” and waivers available to lawful permanent residents prior to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

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 covered as well.

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

The breadth and depth of the coverage in The Waivers Book: Advanced Issues in Immigration Law Practice is a welcome and necessary addition to the reference library of any experienced immigration practitioner.

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