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IMMIGRATION LAW: A Selective Research Guide

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Overview:

This research guide is a selective guide to assist the legal researcher in conducting research in the area of Immigration Law. It is not comprehensive in scope or intended to be a catchall source, but rather to act as a starting point for the researcher to find additional sources and relevant information. At its core, the guide attempts to lead the researcher to up-to-date items held by the Cooley law libraries. An “L” signifies the item is held in the Lansing campus library, “AH” refers to Auburn Hills, “GR” to Grand Rapids, and “AA” to Ann Arbor.

I. FEDERAL TREATISES

Treatises on Immigration Law can be found under the following call numbers: KF 4819.** and KF 4800. Some titles of note that we have are:

Business Immigration Law: Strategies for Employing Foreign Nationals by Rodney A. Malpert and Amanda Petersen

Location: [KF4829.A6 B87](#) (L)

This treatise is geared towards covering the legal issues an employer may face in obtaining permanent residency status for a foreign national.

Immigration Law and Procedure by Gittel Gordon and Charles Gordon

Location: [KF 4819 .I475 1966](#) (L, AH)

This comprehensive nineteen-volume source begins by providing the researcher with an historical overview of the law and then proceeds with an in-depth analysis of the various issues of United States’ immigration and naturalization law.

Immigration Made Simple: An Easy to Read Guide to the U.S. Immigration Process 6th Ed. by Barbara Brooks Kimmel; Alan M. Lubiner

Location: [KF4819.6 .K56 2003](#) (L, AH)

This source is a good starting point for the lay person or the neophyte immigration lawyer needing a general understanding of United States’ immigration laws.



Steel on Immigration Law, 2d. ed. by Richard D. Steel

Location: [KF 4819 .S74 1992](#) (L)

Excellent concise source on major immigration law issues.

International Migration and Global Justice by Satvinder Singh Juss

Location: [JV 6038 .J87 2006b](#) (GR)

This book discusses the impact of modern immigration law on global politics. It is useful for establishing the larger context and policy considerations underlying immigration law.

The Ironies of Citizenship: Naturalization and Integration in Industrialized Countries by Thomas Janoski

Location: [JF 801 .J36 2010](#) (L)

Extensive study of historical trends of immigration and naturalization around the world. Not specifically a legal resource, but interesting and useful for exploring the underlying dynamics that shape immigration policy.

II. NATIONAL GUIDES

H-1B Handbook

Location: [KF4829.H75](#) (L, AH)

The serially produced guide details the issues to be found by employers seeking to temporarily hire employees in the H-1B specialty category. It includes a number of relevant forms.

Immigration Act of 1990 Today: Current State of the 1990 Changes in Immigration and Nationality Law

Location: [KF4819.S56](#) (L, AH)

This serially produced source updates changes to the original Immigration Act of 1990. Some forms may be found in the chapter appendixes.

Immigration Employment Compliance Handbook by Austin T. Fragomen, Jr. and Steven C. Bell

Location: [KF4829.Z9 I43](#) (L)

Updated each year in a new publication (serial), this handbook examines developments relating to employer discrimination and sanctions over the past year. It includes pertinent forms.

Immigration Legislation Handbook

Location: [KF4819. I485](#) (L)

The serially produced guide examines legislative documents over the past year relating to immigration. It includes relevant forms.

Immigration Procedures Handbook

Location: [KF4819. I484](#) (L, AH)

This is a terrific source that provides analysis and procedures to United States' immigration laws and naturalization process. It is updated annually and includes forms at the end of the chapters.



Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook: A Comprehensive Outline and Reference Tool by Ira J. Kurzban

Location: [KF4819.3 K87 2006](#) (L, AH)

This guide provides the researcher with a handy source to the most relevant federal and administrative cases, statutes, regulations and agency rulings impacting the laws of immigration in the United States.

Essentials of Immigration Law, 2d. ed. by Richard A. Boswell

Location: [KF4819 .B67 2009](#) (AA, GR)

Produced by the American Immigration Lawyers Association, this handbook explains the issues confronting the immigration practitioner and the immigrant/emigrant going through the process.

III. JOURNALS & NEWSLETTERS

Bender's Immigration Bulletin

Location: [KF4802 .B46](#) (L, AH)

Two times a month an issue is released with immigration law updates.

Georgetown Immigration Law Journal

Location: [K7 .E64](#) (L)

Immigration Briefings

Location: [KF 4802 .I463](#) (L)

Immigration and Nationality Law Review

Location: [K9 .M54](#) (L)

This journal prepares a compilation of seminal immigration law reviews appearing each year. It is also available from Hein-on-Line from Vol. 1 and up.

INS Reporter

Location: [KF 4802 .I2](#) (L)

Interpreter Releases

Location: [JK 1751 .C55](#) (L)

IV. DICTIONARIES

Immigration and the Law: A Dictionary by Bill Ong Hing

Location: [KF4817.H56 1999](#) (L)

This dictionary does not simply include definitions to terms, but also includes entries for issues, policies, and immigration cases.

V. FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Title 8 of the U.S. Code covers Aliens and Nationality.

Chapter 12 covers Immigration and Nationality.

Chapter 13 covers Immigration and Naturalization Services.



Nationality and Citizenship in context of Crimes

18 U.S.C. 69.

Code of Federal Regulations

8 CFR et seq. Aliens and Nationality

Chapter I contains regulations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Department of Homeland Security. Chapter V contains regulations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice.

VI. PUBLIC LAWS

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986

Pub.L. 99-603 or 100 Stat 3359.

Immigration Marriage Fraud Amendments of 1986

Pub.L. 99-639 or 100 Stat 3537.

Immigration Act of 1990

Pub.L. 101-649 or 104 Stat. 4978.

Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996

Pub.L. 104-208 or 110 Stat 3009.

VII. FEDERAL CASE LAW SOURCES

Administrative Rulings and case law

Board of Immigration Appeals Decisions

http://www.justice.gov/eoir/vll/intdec/lib_indecitnet.html

VIII. NUTSHELLS/HORNBOOKS

Immigration Law and Procedure in a Nutshell by David Weissbrodt and Laura Danielson

Location: [KF4819.3 .W4 2005](#)

IX. DATABASES

Westlaw

Westlaw has their Immigration Combined Database which covers Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals under [IM-TP](#). They then break it down by case law (identifier: [FIM-CS](#)); statutes and legislative materials; administrative materials; journals and law reviews; treatise, practice guides and standards and finally legal newspapers, newsletters and current awareness materials.

Lexis

The **IMMIG** library contains specific federal case law and agency materials all in one place. Lexis then breaks down the immigration library by: Agency decisions; cases; Immigration and



Naturalization Service Materials; Immigration Reform; Law Reviews; Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; Matthew Bender publications; Other Publications; Related Materials, Secondary Sources (Immigration Fundamentals: [IMMFUN](#)) and Statutes/Regulations.

It also has secondary research material covering federal immigration materials. Lexis also has all the Matthew Bender immigration publications which include but are not limited to The INS Manual; Immigration Law and Procedure; Immigration Law Practice Expediter; Federal Habeas Corpus Practice and Procedure; and the INS Examinations Handbook.

X. INTERNET RESOURCES

Immigration and Naturalization Service

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/osc/>

U.S. Department of Justice - Executive Office for Immigration Review

<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/>

U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration Foreign Labor Certification

<http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

<http://www.ice.gov/>

XI. INTEREST GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Immigration Council

<http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>

The Council seeks to educate the public about the immigration laws and the value immigration provides to the United States. In this role, their website offers researchers information and publications relating to immigration and immigration laws. Their site's 'About' page offers more background about the foundation.

American Immigration Lawyers' Association

<http://www.aila.org/>

The organization is composed of attorneys and professors who practice and/or teach immigration law.

Center for Immigration Studies

<http://www.cis.org/>

A number of publications on the issue of immigration and immigration reform may be found from this non-profit group. For more information about the center's mission and goals, please see its 'About' page.



Federation for American Immigration Reform

<http://www.fairus.org/site/PageServer>

This non-profit organization seeks to improve border security, stop illegal immigration and reduce legal immigration. Visit this site to peruse articles and statistics advancing this group's views. Their 'About' page also offers additional background about the organization's goals.

National Immigration Law Center

<http://www.nilc.org/>

This organization seeks to protect and advance the rights of low income immigrants and their family members. The site provides free and fee based sources of information for researchers. The site's 'About' page gives more background about the group.

XII. OTHER PATHFINDERS AVAILABLE

Specialized Legal Research by Penny a. Hazelton, General Editor

Location: [KF 240 .S69](#)

Chapter 8 is a very detailed and descriptive Immigration Law pathfinder. It is worth your while to check it out before you start your research.

Pathfinders available on line:

1. Georgetown Law Library – In-Depth Research: Immigration Law

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/browse_topic.cfm?79

2. Albany Law School Library – Library Research Guide: Immigration Law

<http://www.albanylaw.edu/media/user/librarypdfs/guides/immig.pdf>

3. University of Minnesota Law School – Library – Research Guides and Pathfinders: Immigration Law

<http://library.law.umn.edu/researchguides/immigration-law.html>

