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Your love and support
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INTRODUCTION

This legal Almanac explores the area of law known generally as “immigration law,” and the role of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which oversees immigration matters. This Almanac sets forth the history of immigration in the United States, and the emergence of immigration legislation.

This Almanac also discusses the extensive changes that have taken place in this area of law since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The subsequent restructuring of the agencies involved in overseeing immigration matters is also examined, including the formation and responsibilities of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the successor to the former Immigration and Nationalization Service (INS), under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security.

This Almanac explores the rights and obligations of the alien, including issues of entry and admission, visa application, exclusion, deportation, employment, and intercountry adoption. The availability of humanitarian benefits, such as refuge and asylum, and protection for battered immigrant women and children, and victims of human trafficking are also discussed.

The process of becoming an American citizen through naturalization, and the requirements that must be met, including eligibility, the application process, testing and the oath of allegiance are also examined. Finally, this Almanac examines the role and responsibility of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in protecting the U.S. borders from illegal immigration, drug smuggling, and terrorist infiltration.

The Appendix provides sample documents, applicable statutes, and other pertinent information and data. The Glossary contains definitions of many of the terms used throughout the Almanac.

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