

## Highlights of the 2025–2026 Edition

This title is composed primarily of two types of sections: practitioners' notes for compiling a particular type of pleading and sample pleadings. Most updates occur within the practitioners' notes sections. **Note the following changes in this 2025–2026 Edition:**

- *Matter of C-A-R-R-*, 29 I&N Dec. 13, 2025 WL 840536 (BIA 2025) (a declaration is not a constituent part of an asylum application and failure to include a certificate of translation for a declaration does not render the asylum application incomplete)
- *Matter of F-B-G-M- & J-E-M-G-*, 29 I&N Dec. 52, 2025 WL 1409540 (BIA 2025) (electronic notification of a briefing schedule sent to the email address of record is sufficient notice in a case eligible for electronic filing regardless of whether an attorney or accredited representative opens the email or accesses the document via the ECAS Case Portal)
- *Matter of Yajure Hurtado*, 29 I&N Dec. 216, 2025 WL 2674169 (BIA 2025), in which the Board of Immigration Appeals overturned prior interpretations that allowed bond hearings for individuals who had resided in the U.S. for at least two years after unlawful entry
- *Matter of J-A-F-S-*, 29 I&N Dec. 195, 2025 WL 2480678 (BIA 2025) (sustaining interlocutory appeal where immigration judge erroneously granted a continuance to allow respondent to investigate available relief)
- May 2024 final rules on administrative closure
- Updated list of written pleadings required contents
- Updated Immigration Court Practice Manual and Board of Immigration Appeals Practice Manual citations and information

The appendices have been significantly updated. Outdated appendices have been removed, and the remaining appendices have been updated in light of the EOIR's recompilation of the appendices in its EOIR Policy Manual.