

## Highlights of the 2025–2026 Edition

The 2025–2026 Edition of the *Immigration Legislation and Executive Action Handbook* contains:

- Analysis of new executive actions addressing border security and their impact on southwest border encounters (including proclamation declaring “invasion” and invoking INA § 212(f) [8 U.S.C.A. § 1182(f)] to suspend entry effectively closing all avenues for asylum applications at the southern border and order authorizing deployment of DOD resources)
- Reporting on aggressive interior enforcement measures which have led to a spike in ICE arrests six months into the new administration (coverage includes reset of enforcement priorities, use of expedited removal procedures outside the border, use of Alien Enemies Act against alleged gang members, new policies on administrative arrests in sensitive locations, issuance of NTAs after denial of immigration applications, new registration requirements for noncitizens, emphasis on prosecutions for unlawful entries, and new penalties against “sanctuary” cities)
- Coverage of new executive orders pausing the refugee program and restricting access to other humanitarian programs, including asylum, parole, and TPS
- Analysis of executive measures impacting legal immigration, including new enhanced vetting policies (which will mean more intensive screenings, interviews, background checks, and delays for foreign nationals at each stage of the immigration process), new restrictions on travel from selected countries, new social media vetting policies for foreign students, and new aggressive enforcement measures against foreign students on foreign policy grounds or for minor violations
- Reporting on immigration provisions in H.R. 1 enacted in July 2025, including a massive increase in appropriations for border security and immigration enforcement, new immigration fees for humanitarian applications, and new restrictions on public benefits available to noncitizens
- Analysis of the Laken Riley Act enacted in January 2025, which facilitates the detention and removal of undocumented persons merely charged with certain crimes and grants new standing to states to suspend visa processing for citizens of countries that refuse to accept their deported nationals
- Discussion of significant immigration bills introduced in the 119th Congress as well as the prospects for passage of immigration legislation in the near term
- UPDATE SERVICE FOR WESTLAW USERS—interim electronic updates to *Immigration Legislation and Executive Action Handbook* via Fragomen Business Alerts database (see Preface for details)