

## What's New in the 2025 Edition

This edition of the *U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Handbook* includes discussion of:

- Exec. Order No. 14160, Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship, which prohibits birthright citizenship when a person's mother was unlawfully present in the U.S. and the person's father was not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (LPR) at the time of the person's birth or when that person's mother's presence in the U.S. was lawful but temporary and the person's father was not a U.S. citizen or LPR at the time of said person's birth
- *Meza-Carmona v. Garland*, wherein the Ninth Circuit adopted the *Phinpathya* literal interpretation of continuity in the context of the one-year continuous residence formerly required for unmarried mothers
- *Azumah v. USCIS*, wherein the Fourth Circuit held that 8 U.S.C.A. § 1101(a)(20) only mandates that lawful permanent resident status was lawfully acquired initially and does not look to each subsequent reentry and with which USCIS subsequently agreed, stating in 12 USCIS-PM D.2(A)(1) that the requirement applies to the applicant's initial admission as an LPR or adjustment to LPR status
- The process for requesting a reduced fee for individuals filing for naturalization whose household income is under 400% of poverty level
- Amendments to immigration court regulations which make it clear that immigration judges may make prima facie findings even while giving the DHS literal veto power over termination
- Procedures for a hearing on the denial or revocation of a State Department citizenship document
- Updated reproductions of forms and instructions
- Updated addresses for filing citizenship applications