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- Statute of limitations and equitable tolling
- The discretionary function exception and its boundaries
- The judgement bar and its effect on related harms, alternate or duplicative claims
- Standard of appellate review

Dedication

For Rebecca

About the Author

Daniel A. Morris has a background that combines practical litigation experience with academic and judicial perspectives. He was appointed as a United States Immigration Judge in 2009. He served two terms as a Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge on the U.S. Court of Immigration Appeals (called the Board of Immigration Appeals) in Washington, DC, from 2018 to 2021. From 2009 to 2015 he was an Immigration Judge in Omaha, Nebraska, with jurisdiction over U.S. Immigration Court cases for Nebraska and Iowa. He now serves as an Immigration Judge in Hartford, Connecticut.

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