

Highlights of the 2026–2027 Edition

The 2026–2027 Edition of the *Immigration Legislation and Executive Action Handbook* contains:

- Analysis of executive actions addressing border security and their impact on southwest border encounters (including DHS guidance implementing Proclamation No. 10888 categorically barring asylum to individuals who cross the southern border between ports of entry and subjecting such individuals to newly announced removal processes, federal court ruling on Proclamation No. 10888 requiring Trump Administration to begin processing new asylum applications at the border, and possible reintroduction of “metering” practices requiring asylum seekers to wait in Mexico for “their turn” to apply of relief)
- Update on interior enforcement initiatives aimed at achieving White House goals on immigration arrests and removals (including latest enforcement tactics re-emphasizing targeted investigations, impact of massive funding levels for immigration enforcement, expanded use of expedite removal processes covering persons apprehended in the interior, new government guidance on eligibility for bond hearings, new information-sharing initiatives for investigative leads, changes at immigration courts designed to facilitate removals, and new arrangements allowing removals to third countries without the consent of the noncitizen)
- Latest information on executive actions addressing humanitarian programs (including termination of parole programs and TPS for hundreds of thousands of foreign nationals, administrative hold on certain pending asylum applications, new administrative rulings restricting persecution claims based on domestic or gang violence, and latest determinations on refugee admissions)
- Analysis of agency initiatives implementing enhanced vetting directive that have impacted virtually all applicants for immigration benefits (including latest travel bans, online presence review for selected nonimmigrant visa applicants, public charge reassessments and expanded health review for immigrant visa applicants, new visa bond pilot program for B applicants, restrictions on visa interview waivers and third-country applications, DHS adjudicative hold and re-review policies for certain pending applications, new consideration of country circumstances and anti-American ideologies when adjudicating discretionary applications, new limits on reuse of biometrics, and new processes requiring resubmission of backgrounds checks for adjustment and naturalization applications)
- Report on executive actions targeting particular legal immigration programs and processes, including the H-1B program, the TN program, the B visa program, and VWP program, F and J student and exchange visitor programs, family-based and diversity immigration, adjustment of status, and naturalization
- Coverage of immigration provisions included in funding measures enacted in the past year, including massive increase in appropriations for border security, extensions of expiring immigration programs, and H-2B cap relief
- Analysis 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)