

Preface

This is the 2026 Edition of *Law of Asylum in the United States*, the first “edition” being a 34-page paper submitted while Deborah was a student at Harvard Law School. We have had the privilege of witnessing the evolution of U.S. asylum law and international refugee law over the years. The 1984 first edition included references to every relevant administrative and federal court decision. We endeavor to maintain this high standard even as the volume of case law has grown exponentially over the ensuing 40-plus years.

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