

Immigration to the United States is controlled by the laws and regulations passed by the legislature and agencies of the federal government. The library has several comprehensive secondary resources that can be helpful in guiding a researcher to appropriate legal authority. A wide range of internet sites that contain both primary and secondary immigration resources are available and constantly changing. What should be noted is immigration law often branches into other areas of law such as: employment, housing, criminal, and civil liberties.

SECONDARY IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

Bender's Immigration Bulletin
KF4815.I46

Bender's Immigration and Nationality Act Service
KF4806.54.M38

Bender's Immigration Regulations Service
KF4819.B46

Immigration Law and Procedure by Charles Gordon
KF4815.G6

Immigration Law Sourcebook by Ira J. Kurzban
KF4819.3.K87 2004

Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook
KF 4819.A2.A475

Immigration Law and Procedure in a Nutshell by Laura Danielson
Course Reserve – KF4819.3.W4 2005

Interpreter Releases: Report and Analysis of Immigration and Nationality Law
KF8802.I58

PERIODICALS

Georgetown Immigration Law Journal
K7.E537 -- Available at HeinOnline through Widener's subscription databases: http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library/new/research/legal_databases.shtml

Immigration and Nationality Law Review (Univ. of Cincinnati School of Law) -- Available at HeinOnline through Widener's subscription databases: http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library/new/research/legal_databases.shtml

Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies K9.N442-- Available at HeinOnline through Widener's subscription databases: http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library/new/research/legal_databases.shtml

International Journal of Refugee Law K9.N797 -- Available at HeinOnline through Widener's subscription databases: http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library/new/research/legal_databases.shtml

SELECTED IMMIGRATION LAWS & STATUTES

United States Code:
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/>

See generally:
Title 8 U.S. Code: Aliens and Nationality.
Title 18 U.S. Code: Crimes & Crim. Pro.
Title 29 U.S. Code: Labor
Title 42 U.S. Code: Pub. Health & Welfare

Public Laws (93rd to Current Congress):
<http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d110/d110laws.html>

Major Immigration Laws Include:

Naturalization Act of 1790, 1 Stat. 103.

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, 22 Stat. 58.

Immigration Act of 1924 (National Origins Act), 43 Stat. 153.

Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (The McCarran-Walter Act), 66 Stat. 163.

Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 (Hart-Celler Act), Pub. L. No. 89-236, 79 Stat. 911.

Refugee Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-212, 94 Stat. 102.

Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Pub. L. No. 99-603, 100 Stat. 3359.

Immigration Marriage Fraud Amendments Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-639, 100 Stat. 3537.

Immigration Reform Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-649, 104 Stat. 4978.

Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-208 Div. C., 110 Stat. 3009-546.

Legal Immigration Family Equity Act (LIFE), Pub. L. No. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000).

USA PATRIOT Act, Pub. L. No. 107-56, 115 Stat. 272 (2001).

Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-296, Title IV, Subtitles C-F, 116 Stat. 2135.

International Marriage Brokers Regulation Act (IMBRA), Pub. L. No. 109-162, 119 Stat. 2950 (2005).

SELECTED IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>

See generally:

- Title 8 of CFR: Aliens and Nationality
- Title 20 of CFR: Employee Benefits
- Title 22 of CFR: Foreign Relations
- Title 28 of CFR: Judicial Administration Act
- Title 29 of CFR: Labor
- Title 42 of CFR: Public Health

Immigration Rulings

Administrative Appeals Office Decisions (AAO):
<http://www.uscis.gov/uscis-ext-templating/uscis/jsoverride/errFrameset.jsp>

Board of Immigration Appeals Decisions (BIA):
http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/intdec/lib_intdecnet_vol.html

ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

LexisNexis: Under *Area of Law-By Topic--Immigration* this service has many primary and secondary immigration databases. Included are: immigration statutes and CFR's; immigration appeals decisions; FAM's and INS manuals; immigration law and procedure publications; and New York Times immigration stories.

Westlaw: Under *Topical Practice Areas--Immigration* this service has primary and secondary immigration databases. Included are: immigration cases, statutes and regulations; field manuals for immigration officers; H1-B Handbook; official immigration forms; and immigration pleading and practice manual.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITES

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS):
<http://www.uscis.gov>

USCIS Forms:
<http://www.uscis.gov/forms>

U.S. Department of Labor
<http://www.dol.gov/>

U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office For Immigration Review (EOIR):
<http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/>

U.S. Department of State (DOS):
<http://www.state.gov/>

DOS Forms:
<http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms/>

United States Embassies:
<http://usembassy.state.gov/>

Visa Bulletin – availability of immigrant visas
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html

OTHER WEB SITES

American Immigration Law Foundation:
<http://www.aifl.org/>

American Immigration Lawyers Association:
<http://www.aiala.org/>

Center for Immigration Studies:
<http://www.cis.org/>

National Immigration Law Center:
<http://www.nilc.org/>

Migration Policy Institute:
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

IMMIGRATION NEWS & UPDATES

Findlaw Immigration Law News:
<http://news.findlaw.com/legalnews/us/im/>

LexisNexis Immigration Practice Updates:
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/practiceareas/immigration/>

Yahoo Immigration News:
<http://news.yahoo.com/fc/US/Immigration>

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Delaware Reference: 302-477-2114
Harrisburg Reference: 717-541-3934
Email: use "Ask a Librarian" on <http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library>