SAMPLE LIST OF IMMIGRATION LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES

This is not a complete list of immigration references and resources. Depending on the immigration services your organization provides, seek specific resources by talking to experts in the field. At the minimum, it is recommended that your agency have hard copies of the Immigration and Nationality Act and Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations as well as online resources, which are readily available. In addition, it is highly recommended that your agency have an immigration resource purchase and update budget since immigration laws change constantly.

General

The Immigration and Nationality Act (known as INA), latest edition

Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (known as 8 CFR), latest edition

Executive Office for Immigration Review Virtual Law Library, www.usdoj.gov/eoir

Your local or state university libraries may provide public access to immigration law collection. To locate a library, visit http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/

Immigration Law Books via World Cat, www.worldcat.org, helps identify immigration law books and locate libraries that carry them via zip code.

Kurzban’s Immigration Law Sourcebook, available at www.aila.org


Department of State Visa Bulletin provides a summary on the availability of immigrant visas by preference categories and regions on a monthly basis. Available at http://travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_1770.html

Immigration and Legalization Capacity Building

CLINIC Manual, Managing an Immigration Program, available at https://cliniclegal.org. This manual describes best practices used by many of the country's most experienced nonprofit immigration programs and managers. The content includes program design, case selection criteria, case management systems, fee schedules, alternative funding sources, financial controls, marketing, staff training, BIA agency recognition and staff accreditation, and legal representation ethics.

American Fact Finder is the U.S. Census Bureau’s on-line tool for demographic research that provides more current data on the U.S. population. It provides more up-to-date data through the
American Community Survey, which is a sample population survey that is conducted annually. To access the online research tool, visit http://factfinder2.census.gov.

Pew Hispanic Center, www.pewhispanic.org, is a nonpartisan "fact tank" in Washington, D.C. that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world in the areas of demography, immigration, identity, economics, labor, education, and remittances. It provides excellent and analytical statistics and data on the immigrant population.

Naturalization and Immigrant Integration


CLINIC Citizenship Toolkit, available at www.cliniclegal.org

CLINIC Naturalization Workshop Toolkit, available at www.cliniclegal.org


Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)


ASISTA hosts two list serves, VAWA Updates and VAWA Experts. VAWA Updates provides the latest guidance, policy, and advocacy developments on VAWA laws, including legislation, U visas, trafficking, and related issues. VAWA Experts is a discussion list serve for people with significant expertise in immigration law and a high VAWA case load. To apply, send an e-mail to questions@asistaonline.org.

Immigration and Crimes

Detention Watch Network, http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/, is national coalition of organizations and individuals working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and to promote humane treatment of detainees. DWN creates useful and timely resources for members and the community, including the Real
Deal Fact Sheet on Detention, the Detention Map, the DWN website, and the Raids Response Toolkit. It also coordinates meetings and trainings to raise awareness and involvement around detention and deportation issues.

*Defending Immigrants Partnership,* [www.defendingimmigrants.org](http://www.defendingimmigrants.org), contains resources to defend noncitizens in criminal courts.

**Periodicals and Newsletters**

*Catholic Legal Immigration News,* CLINIC’s monthly newsletter, provides immigration law updates, news from the Catholic network, a training schedule, and information on immigration advocacy efforts. The newsletter is available for CLINIC affiliates at [http://cliniclegal.org](http://cliniclegal.org)


**Online Resources and List Serves**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ website, [http://www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) provides the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 Code of Federal Regulations, all immigration-related forms, policy, and updates from the government. USCIS provides e-mail updates regarding policy changes or new guidelines. To subscribe, visit [http://www.uscis.gov/tools/get-e-mail-updates/get-email-updates](http://www.uscis.gov/tools/get-e-mail-updates/get-email-updates)

CLINIC’s list serve provides news articles and announcements on immigration law. To subscribe, visit [www.cliniclegal.org](http://www.cliniclegal.org).

Immigration Advocates Network (IAN), [www.immigrationadvocates.org](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org), is a one stop resource center for charitable legal immigration providers. This free national online network carries a web-based library; podcast, webinar, and video trainings; calendar of training dates; news alerts; and an online directory of members.

American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants' Rights Project operates a list serve for detention practitioners. To subscribe, please e-mail your name and e-mail address, your employer and your employer's contact information, and a one-sentence statement confirming that you do not work for the government to detentionlistserv@aclu.org.

American Immigration Council’s Immigration Policy Center provides policy reports and updates on immigration and immigrants in America. To access, visit [http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/](http://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/).

Brennan Center for Justice hosts the Legal Services E-lert, offering news and opinion pieces about free and low-cost civil legal aid. Legal issues that affect low-income individuals and families, including immigrants, are frequently covered. To subscribe, visit http://www.brennancenter.org/content/elerts/ (scroll down to the bottom of the page).

Detention Watch Network’s list serve connects detention advocates from across the country. The list serve is a great way to stay updated on the latest news on detention and deportation issues. To subscribe, visit http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/listserv. (This list serve is not open to the media or government employees.)


Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) hosts several free e-mail distribution lists as a service to nonprofit agencies, private attorneys and other legal service providers. You can subscribe online at http://www.ilrc.org/ilrc-email-lists/subscribe-or-unsubscribe

Migration News is published by Migration Dialogue at UC Davis and reports on important migration developments world-wide. To subscribe, visit http://migration.ucdavis.edu/mn/subscribe_mn.php.

National Immigration Law Center (NILC) offers e-mail updates. To subscribe, visit http://nilc.org/

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild hosts several list serves for its members, including a general immigration list serve and lists that focus specifically on immigration and crimes, HIV, and gangs. To become a member, visit http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/join.htm

Siskind's Immigration Bulletin is published by Greg Siskind, partner at the Immigration Law Offices of Siskind Susser PC. To subscribe to the bulletin, visit http://www.visalaw.com/immigration-resources/bulletin/

**Technical Support Organizations & Resources**

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., http://cliniclegal.org

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, www.ilrc.org
ASISTA (assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse),
http://www.asistahelp.org/

Legal Momentum (assistance for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse),
www.legalmomentum.org

Women’s Law, www.womenslaw.org

**Partnership, Membership, or Networks**

American Immigration Lawyers Association, www.aila.org (it’s best to include your local chapter information and contact person if your agency already has an established relationship)

ABA Directory of Law School Public Interest and Pro bono programs,
http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/lawschools/

Congressional Offices directory: http://house.gov/

Library of Congress “Ask a Librarian” personal assistance by phone or e-mail regarding legal and legislative research assistance for foreign, international, federal, and state law: http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-law.html or 202-707-5079

USCIS Office of Public Engagement has a Community Relations Program to communicate with community-based organizations about their work, policy updates, and guideline changes as well as to receive community feedback. USCIS district offices organize CBO meetings and conduct community outreach through Community Relations Officers. To locate and contact your local USCIS Community Relations Officer, visit the Office of Public Engagement at http://www.uscis.gov/outreach/contact-us

Many states have a local chapter of the Legal Aid Society or have state immigration coalitions.