LAUNCH OF 2019 UPDATE REPORT: REFORMING THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

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Join the American Bar Association’s Commission on Immigration in launching an update to its report, “Reforming the Immigration System: Proposals to Promote Independence, Fairness, Efficiency, and Professionalism in the Adjudication of Removal Cases.” The 2019 Update Report analyzes distinct parts of the immigration enforcement and adjudication systems and chronicles changes to the system over the past nine years. The report further describes how these new circumstances bring greater urgency to the call for legislation to systematically reform our immigration system.

Recent political and legal developments have exposed the fragility of our administrative systems. Today, our nation’s immigration courts and other adjudicative systems face untenable backlogs, and increasing concerns about due process and independence. Against this backdrop, our Update Report serves as a marker for what must be done to provide a more just and equitable system. Join us as we discuss the lessons learned since the publication of the 2010 report, and an overview of the 2019 Update Report’s blueprint for improving the immigration system—to protect the most vulnerable, while also promoting fairness and due process.

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