



Naturalization and Criminal Offenses, Detention, & Removal: A Legal Guide For Immigrants and Advocates

The American Bar Association Commission on Immigration is pleased to announce the recent release of *Naturalization and Criminal Offenses, Detention, & Removal: A Legal Guide for Immigrants & Advocates*. This publication is designed to educate practitioners and immigrant communities on how to avoid the risk of detention and removal when seeking naturalization, particularly in the aftermath of 9/11. It outlines the naturalization process and explains obstacles faced by federal immigration detainees and immigrants with prior criminal offenses. Among other things, the manual:

- Discusses relevant immigration and criminal offenses under the Immigration and Nationality Act that can put people at risk of detention at their naturalization interview;
- Contains sample forms and information on accessing federal and state criminal records;
- Explores post-conviction forms of relief that may alleviate the adverse consequences of criminal offenses;
- Addresses how to handle the naturalization interview when the applicant has immigration or criminal offenses and what to do if detained at the interview; and
- Discusses bond eligibility and forms of relief for permanent residents including cancellation of removal and the 212(h) waiver.

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