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Snapshot view of all daily and recent additions and updates listed in reverse chronological order.
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The VLL is a collection of immigration law and practice material collected from both EOIR and external sources. United States Government sources include: the Department of Justice, Department of State, Library of Congress, Central Intelligence Agency, and the U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Service.

Additional materials are included from European government agencies and other worldwide non-governmental agencies such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch.
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EOIR Law Library and Immigration Research Center
Virtual Law Library and Catalogue Weekly Update
Week 7, 2008

No following links are to information added this week to either the Virtual Law Library and Immigration Research Center Catalogue. This information was collected from a variety of sources and includes updates to the Federal Register, articles from well-known newspapers and magazines, and updates to the quality information page. In addition, links to the most recent Interpreter Releases, Case Law Update, and Pending Legislation are included and updated.

Updates to the Online Catalogue

A summary of all updates made to the VLL that week. This update also spotlights a new book from the library's collection. In addition, this page features articles on country conditions, notification on upcoming elections and election results, and links to Interpreter Release and Immigration Briefing.
Related Links

External links to website with information on current legal and political affairs.

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- Matter of FABREJA, 24 IMM. DEC. 532 (BIA 2000)
- The Immigration Court Practice Manual
- IIRIA Standards Interim Decision Chart, September 30, 2000
- Case Law Update: FEBRUARY 2000
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U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/index.htm Published since 2007

Immigration Law Advisor

February 2000 A Monthly Legal Publication of the Executive Office for Immigration Review Vol 2 No 2

Online publications:

Various legal journals available in full text.

Journals requiring an access code and password will open with a page containing directions to access each publication.

Publications residing in the VLL will open in full text format.
1. Access to all decisions issued by the Board beginning in January 2004  
2. BIA Precedent Decisions listed in reverse chronological order dating back to 1960  
3. Topical indexes found in bound Administrative Decisions  
4. Indexed Decisions  
5. Charts organized by subject, heading, and volume number; designed to identify key BIA and Circuit Court holdings
A collection of immigration regulations, proposed and final rules, printed in the Federal Register. Applicable rules from the Department of Justice, Homeland Security, and the Department of State are arranged chronologically by year. The collection dates back to 1996. All documents are downloaded from the government printing office in PDF format and are appropriate for citation.

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Recent TPS Notices

Burundi October 29, 2007
Termination of the Designation of Burundi for Temporary Protected Status; Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization Documentation for Burundi TPS Beneficiaries.

Liberia September 20, 2006

El Salvador August 31, 2007

Honduras May 24, 2007

Nicaragua May 23, 2007

A collection of Federal Register Notices identifying countries that have been selected for temporary protected status. Each country since initial designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is represented with a reverse chronological listing of notices. Each country list establishes a time line from designation through termination of status.

Select highlighted date to access the full PDF notice published in the Federal Register.
Country Information

The Country Information page is a centralized collection of government and non-governmental organization reports, maps, and timelines.

CIA: General Political and Economic Background

DOS: Reports required in the assessment of Asylum claims

RIC: Opinions issued by USCIS addressing specific subject areas

CRS: Reports issued by the Library of Congress requested by members of Congress.

Non-Government Sources

Country Maps
- University of Texas at Austin - Map Collection

UK Home Office
- Backgrounder and Background
- Operational Guidance - Apr 2007

BBC
- Overviews
- Recent Events

Human Rights Watch
- Blood-Stained Hands: Past Atrocities in Kabul and Afghanistan’s Legacy of Impunity
- Series - The pull of the Afghan people to human rights abuses in Southeast Afghanistan
- Fatal Flaw: Child Brides and Their Sale by the United States in Afghanistan
- We Want to Live As Human Beings: Repression of Women and Girls in Western Afghanistan

UK Home Office: Comparative human rights reports

Human Rights Watch: Full text publications on country conditions issued by the independent human rights advocacy group.

Comparative country studies for additional background information.
Compilation of resources on specific topics. Materials include legislation, Federal Register notices, books, reports, journal articles, and various government and non-government publications.
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- Standard Language on Select Topics: Indexed with Supporting Materials Table of Contents July 2007
- AILIENS IN THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION COURT: Criminal Law Outline, 9th Circuit 2007 ed.
- Ninth Circuit Immigration Outline Nov 2006
- Claire Hulse, Tara Lundstrom, Jacqueline Brown-Scott, and Elizabeth Young, San Francisco Immigration Court.
- Ilissa Gould, JLC York. Renae Hansell, JLC 1 Baltimore York/Baltimore Immigration Courts
- HARRY L. GASTLEY: Immigration Judge, Las Vegas Court
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by
HARRY L. GASTLEY

Chapter I
Jurisdiction of the Court Generally

Chapter II
Jurisdiction of the Court over Criminal Aliens

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Other Considerations Involving Criminal Aliens

AGGRAVATED FELONY CASE SUMMARY

By Immigration Judge Benita A. Zaragoza (San Antonio)

February 26, 2008
(Handwritten notations)

DISCLAIMER: The summaries and case provided herein are those of the author alone and do not represent the official policy of the Immigration Court, Executive Office for Immigration Review or United
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Practice Manuals

Board of Immigration Appeals
Appeals and Motions Information
As part of the Board of Immigration Appeals' overall effort to enhance customer service, the Board has issued the three attached documents to provide basic information to persons involved in proceedings before the Board and to answer frequently asked questions about appeals and motions.

Update(s): Click here for an overview of the revisions to the BIA Practice Manual and Questions and Answers Regarding Proceedings: (Oct. 6, 2007)

Questions and Answers Regarding Proceedings
The answers to questions often asked by people with cases before the Board.

Annual appeared before the Board.

For more information on viewing and

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Published by the Board of Immigration Appeal. Procedures for practicing before the Board.

The Office of the Chief Immigration Judge
Immigration Court Practice Manual

A letter from David L. Martin, Chief Immigration Judge:
In 2006, the Attorney General (AG) included the Office of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), the Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) in a set of initiatives that are being implemented to improve the quality and efficiency of immigration proceedings. The goal is to provide a fair, efficient, and uniform immigration process that is consistent with the principles of due process. This includes the implementation of a new case management system that will allow for more efficient handling of cases and a reduction in processing times.

Published by the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge. Procedures for practicing before an Immigration Court.
Digital Resources

To search in the material stored electronically in the LLIRC catalogue, please select the digital library button.

The Digital Library contains articles on country conditions, Congressional Research reports, documentary films and United States Government publications.

Information is accessed by searching or browsing.

Searching the Digital Library

By words or phrase

- Choosing contents will search the entire article or report for your word or phrase.
- Choosing Metadata will limit your search to keywords in the text.
- Combine terms with AND, OR, NOT:
- Use parentheses to group concepts or place concepts in a series of search boxes to group them
- Use a wild card character like a question mark or a pound sign to retrieve alternate endings:

Browsing the Digital Library

The browsing feature allows the entire collection of digital information to be viewed. Categories of information can be accessed and retrieved quickly.

For example, newspaper articles containing elections information from a specific year is accessible for each country through the browse feature.

Or access the library’s collection of Congressional Research Service reports.