Asylum Law in the United States

Legal Research Tips
Secondary Sources - Treatises

- Law of Asylum in the United States by Deborah E. Anker – full text in Westlaw
  - Source of domestic and international law
  - Use the Index and TOC to best navigate
    - Airport interviews
  - Specific entries on many countries:
    - Iranian refugees
    - Iraqi refugees
    - Sudanese refugees
    - Somalian refugees
    - Libyan refugees
Handbooks

- Affirmative Asylum Procedures Manual by USCIS (November 2013 – online)
- USCIS Adjudicator's Field Manual (redacted public version – online)
- NOLO publications on immigration
Primary Sources

- Title 8 of the [United States Code](https://uscode.house.gov/) and of the [Code of Federal Regulations](https://federalregister.gov/)
- Proposed laws – [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/)
- Proposed regulations – [Federal Register](https://www.federalregister.gov/)
  - USCIS immigration specific regulations
- News relating to Executive Actions on immigration – DHS site
- Compilation of Presidential Documents - [FDSys](https://fdsys.gov/)
- Practice Areas in Westlaw - [Immigration](https://www.westlaw.com/) & Lexis - [Immigration](https://www.lexisnexis.com/)
  - Cases
  - Statutes & Court Rules
  - Regulations
  - Administrative Decisions & Guidance
  - Secondary Sources
  - Forms
  - Briefs
  - Trial Court Documents
  - Expert Materials
  - Proposed & Enacted Legislation
  - Proposed & Adopted Regulations
Agencies & Organizations

- Office of Refugee Settlement – **Voluntary Agencies**
  - Church World Service (CWS)
  - Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)
  - Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)
  - Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
  - International Rescue Committee (IRC)
  - US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)
  - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)
  - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
  - World Relief Corporation (WR)

- ACLU Immigrant’s Rights [portal](http://example.com)
- [National Immigration Law Center](http://example.com)
- [International Refugee Assistance Project](http://example.com) (Urban Justice Center)
- [ImmigrationLawHelp.org](http://example.com) – national directory helping low-income immigrants find legal help
ACLU hotlines set up to file habeas petitions – Immigrant Services Directory
ABA – Immigration Sources
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Immigration Advocates Network
NY Refugee Hotline 1-888-769-7243
Immigrant Defense Project Criminal Immigration Helpline 212-725-6422
Other Legal Qs to Ponder

Ten Questions of International and Constitutional Law and the Trump Administration