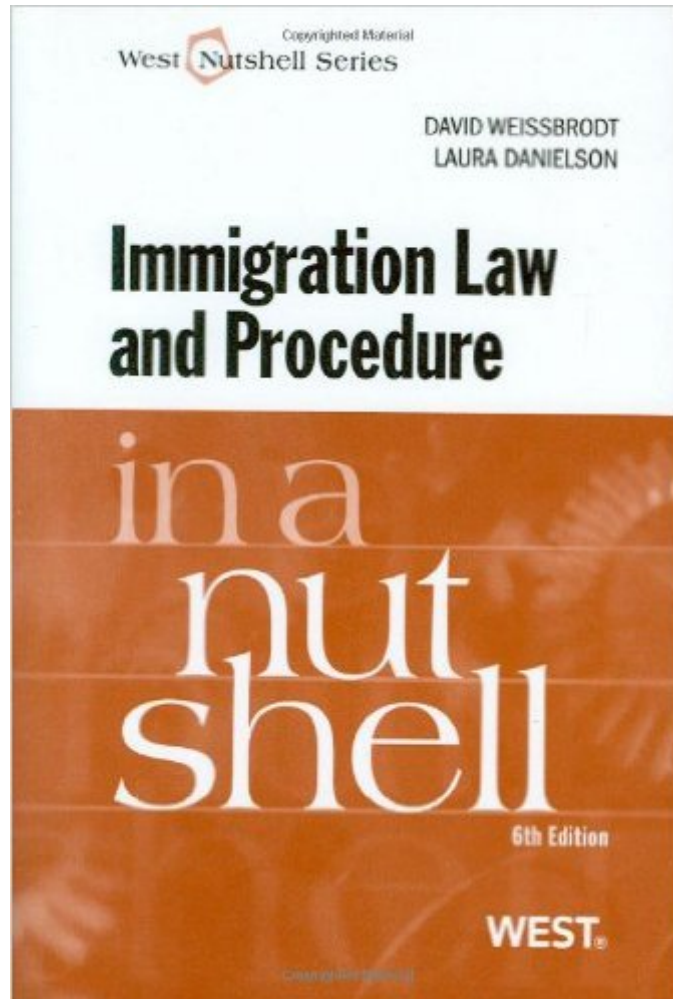


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I'm an immigration lawyer who has a lot of the "laymen" books on the shelves. The nutshell is not bad, but it's more for cramming in law school or if you want an overview with a bit more "legal stuff." However... the NOLO books are better. I have them, I use them, I like them better. FYI- the most lawyer type book on immigration law for those who want some real detail along with case law... look up Ira Kurzban's book. Cost \$300.

I am a manager for a Federal Govt Agency. I found this book informational and easy to understand. Immigration law is a complex subject. The book is easy to read and addresses many important aspects related to this subject. The sections related to inadmissability, removal are well written and easy to understand. The chapters related to the history of various classes of immigrants was intersting as well. I would recommend the book for persons who want to expand their knowledge of this topic.

I would HIGHLY encourage anyone taking Immigration law to purchase this nutshell. It succinctly

covered all the topics of immigration law and tremendously helped in understanding this evolving field of law.

The most difficult thing about studying any body of laws resides, not in its substance, but in its presentation. One advantage of immigration law is that it relies heavily on fairly stable categories. This book should help anyone but the most impatient to build a first outline of the main categories of immigration law--with helpful annotations. 15 chapters: 1-4 (background information--including history and constitutional law); 5 (immigrant visas), 6 (nonimmigrant visas), 7 (zooms on student visas--a sub-category of nonimmigrant visas), 8 (removal--formerly "deportation"), 9 (inadmissibility), 10 (refugees/asylees), 11 (international law), 12 (citizenship), 13 (zooms on rights of aliens in general), 14 (criminal aspects of immigration law), 15 (ethical practice). My main advice is to take good note of the general INA and CFR provisions under each category and subcategory, and names (and holdings, why not) of important cases. Add that to your outline, and you have a fine guide for further research. In other words, if your goal is to familiarize yourself with the field AS A WHOLE for the first time, don't get bogged down in the discussions of legal history and cases at first (yes, this is not a manual, so what's the point?)--except for the general history of US immigration law at the start of the book, which gives you a good first sense of the "spirit" of US immigration policy. You could come back to those discussions later, without the aggravation. I do not recommend delving directly into any body of laws that is as extensive as immigration law, unless of course you have a few years to spare--but then again why waste that time? Think of books like this one as you would of maps: you don't want to have to start looking for California, street by street, starting in Washington DC. The point is this: an overview is always useful. This one should help you, if you use it properly.

This book makes no pretensions to be the ultimate compendium for the practitioners in the immigration field. As the author points out in the preface, this book is meant to give you a brief overview of the subject. And that it did! It provides succinct and stimulating discussions in many pertinent topics. Most importantly, the flow of the discussions is not bogged down by chaotic juxtaposition of law and facts that is usually usually associated with works written by the practitioners. In short, this book presents you with the picture of the forest rather than the individual shots of trees. I highly recommend it.

Adequate and helpful for an overview of your standard Immigration class. Definitely helpful for the

UCLA SOL class, and I will be recommending it to rising 2Ls. The only possible problem is that the book does not always include citations, or parallel citations, to INA provisions. Instead, the book may use implementation rules, necessitating a bit of legwork if the professor is working off the INA. I would think that the INA would be the most appropriate authority to cite for law students, but I can imagine that if a practitioner was using the guide, then perhaps the rules are more appropriate. The book flip-flops between the two, while both would have nice (perhaps putting the cross-reference in a parenthetical cite).

A perfect breakdown of an extremely difficult subject area in the law. As a lawyer about to head into the horribly complicated world of immigration law, I needed a quick but thorough introduction to an area. It is extremely useful and provides context for every complicated aspect.

The "In a nut shell" series is great in general. I really like the way they break everything down. Their coverage of immigration law is no different; it definitely helped me study and I would highly recommend it

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