Highlights of the 2020 Edition

Now in its 10th year of publication with Thomson Reuters, *Law of Asylum in the United States* is the leading comprehensive resource on U.S. asylum law with a comparative and international perspective, containing detailed references and analysis of U.S. statutes, regulations, and caselaw as well as international and comparative law sources.

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Asylum law is rapidly changing. This treatise, with new cases and analysis incorporated every year, contains comprehensive discussion of recent developments in the law, published and unpublished Board of Immigration Appeals and immigration judge decisions as well as relevant federal district and circuit court litigation and review.

**New border and asylum access policies**

Recent legal and policy changes are discussed, including unauthorized entry and passage through third-country bans, forcing asylum seekers to “remain in Mexico” (Migrant Protection Protocols) while they await hearings in the U.S., sending asylum seekers to third countries in Central America, and the shutting down of the border altogether after the COVID 19 epidemic.

**Matter of A-B-**

Comprehensive analysis of the repercussions of the Attorney General’s decision in *Matter of A-B-*, reactions in the federal courts, including interpretation of the particular social group ground and the meaning of state protection especially as it affects the “unwilling and unable” standard in cases of non-state actors as agents of persecution.

**“Family” as a particular social group**

New developments including the Attorney General’s proposed restrictions on interpretation of family as a particular social group, responses in the federal courts and by commentators.

**Political opinion ground: Central American cases**

Comprehensive treatment of the legal bases for claims involving Central Americans fleeing “third generation” gangs operating in Northern Triangle countries, competing and often colluding with the state for power and control. New and important developments in interpretation of the “political opinion” ground, including when resistance to non-state actor sexual and other violence constitutes an express or imputed political opinion.

**Gender as a particular social group: domestic violence cases**

Major breakthroughs in the recognition of gender itself as a particular social group based on new and clearer approaches to analyzing
the “particular social group” ground suggested in this treatise.

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