

PREFACE

Welcome to AILA's new resource for immigration attorneys representing clients seeking to acquire, prove, or relinquish U.S. citizenship: *AILA's U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Toolbox*. This *Toolbox* contains articles by experts in the field that cover the full range of U.S. citizenship issues you are likely to encounter. The articles serve as an excellent primer on citizenship and naturalization law. This *Toolbox* is more than a primer, however. It provides you with important practical tips, forms, and samples that will help you put the knowledge you gain from the articles to use in your clients' cases.

The files you have downloaded are grouped by subject matter, beginning with naturalization and its requirements and followed by naturalization procedure, appeals, automatic acquisition of citizenship, the ways citizenship can be lost or renounced, and tax ramifications of citizenship decisions. Relevant practice aids are grouped with the articles discussing the law. Where a form or sample can be used as a template for your modification, we have provided the document in Microsoft Word format for convenience.

Caveat: Always check the agency website to ensure that you are using the most up-to-date edition of the forms discussed in this *Toolbox*, and to confirm current filing fees and filing location.

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