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Davorin was the sole author of the first edition of *Immigration Consequences of Wisconsin Offenses* (2015). The book arose out of Davorin’s work as program chair for the State Bar of Wisconsin’s seminar titled *Beyond Padilla v. Kentucky: The Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions*. The seminar received a national award for Outstanding Achievement in Programs by the Association for Continuing Legal Education (ACLEA). Davorin has coauthored several articles for the *Wisconsin Lawyer* and is a frequent speaker on immigration issues, including guest-lecturing at the University of Wisconsin Law School and at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, as well as presenting at local, regional, and national conferences hosted by the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has made several presentations at state judicial conferences in Wisconsin regarding the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Padilla v. Kentucky* and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Davorin encourages defense and immigration attorneys who have questions regarding the immigration consequences of criminal charges to contact him.

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