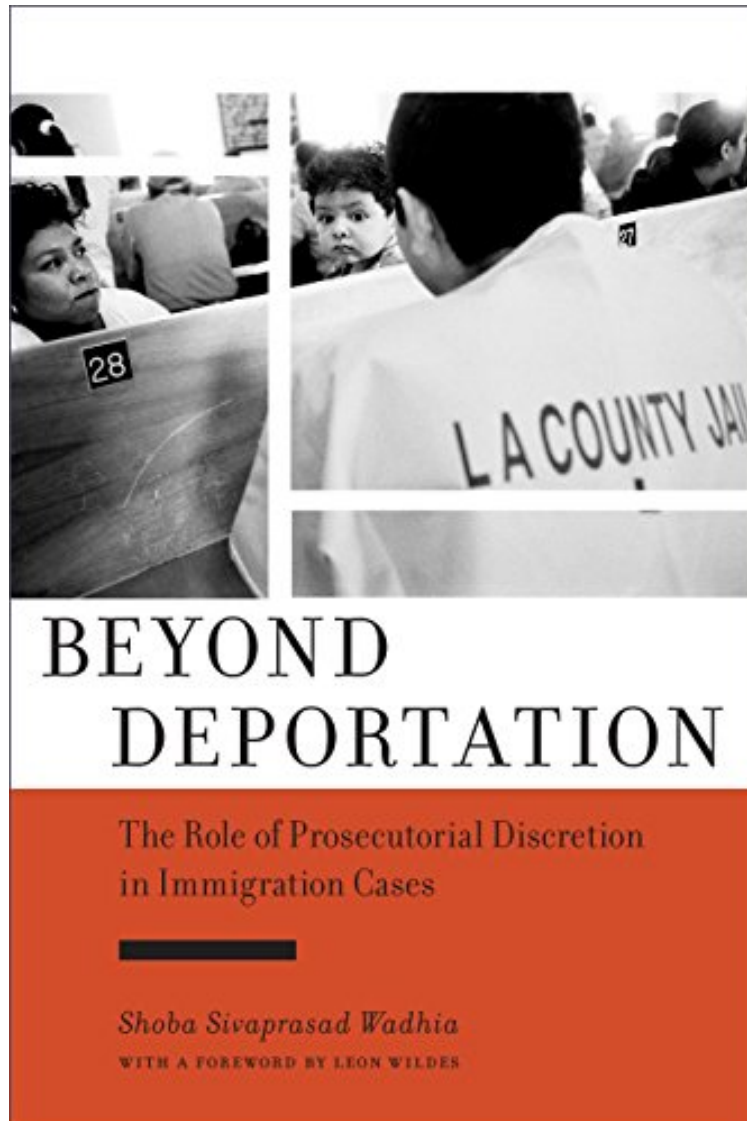


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. We Are All ImmigrantsBy CustomerWith the presidential election heating up, a hot topic at the forefront is deportation. The focus has been on illegal immigrants. Author Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, a child of immigrant parents, who has lived in the U.S. all of her life, has a passion to see justice for those who have also made the United States their home. They have put down family roots, raising their children that were born in the U.S., and paying taxes, only to be threatened and to have their families torn apart due to deportation. In *Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases* by Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, she goes the distance in educating the reader on all of the elements of the laws pertaining to deportation. At the forefront is the prosecutorial discretion law, which was made famous by the case against John Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono. The prosecutorial discretion law states that, at their discretion, attorneys can decide whether and what type of charges should be made against a person or person(s). For an immigrant, battling against a prosecutorial discretion law case without a knowledgeable attorney would be an uphill losing battle. *Beyond Deportation* is packed with a wealth of information. When working as a legislative lawyer for the National Immigration Forum, the author notes that the halls of the Department of Homeland Security were always full, caseloads were heavy, and emotions were running high because even then deportation was like a revolving door. As Wadhia points out, proper laws must be in place to protect those that are living productive lives, which is so true. This is why President Obama placing measures in place, like that of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to help the cause in legalizing undocumented immigrants from being deported, is a great starting point. There are still some laws that must be in place for the parents and other family members that have lived in the U.S. for at least 10-15 years. We still have work to do. Great job!

The first book to comprehensively describe the history, theory, and application of prosecutorial discretion in immigration law When Beatles star John Lennon faced deportation from the U.S. in the 1970s, his lawyer Leon Wildes made a groundbreaking argument. He argued that Lennon should be granted nonpriority status pursuant to INSs (now DHSs) policy of prosecutorial discretion. In U.S. immigration law, the agency exercises prosecutorial discretion favorably when it refrains from enforcing the full scope of immigration law. A prosecutorial discretion grant is important to an agency seeking to focus its priorities on the truly dangerous in order to conserve resources and to bring compassion into immigration enforcement. The Lennon case marked the first moment that the immigration agency's prosecutorial discretion policy became public knowledge. Today, the concept of prosecutorial discretion is more widely known in light of the Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA program, a record number of deportations and a stalemate in Congress to move immigration reform. *Beyond Deportation* is the first book to comprehensively describe the history, theory, and application of prosecutorial discretion in immigration law. It provides a rich history of the role of prosecutorial discretion in the immigration system and unveils the powerful role it plays in protecting individuals from deportation and saving the government resources. Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia draws on her years of experience as an immigration attorney, policy leader, and law professor to advocate for a bolder standard on prosecutorial discretion, greater mechanisms for accountability when such standards are ignored, improved transparency about the cases involving prosecutorial discretion, and recognition of deferred action in the law as a formal benefit.

In *Beyond Deportation*, Wadhia has managed to combine meticulous research, scholarly rigor, easy readability, and an intense human compassion in highlighting one of the most volatile issues of our time. With amazing ease, she takes on immigration, the rule of law, and the role of executive branch discretion in tempering our harsh deportation laws with humanitarian restraint and a common sense stewardship of our limited enforcement resources. For immigrants and their families, and for all who care about law and justice, this is a powerful and compelling story, eloquently told.- Stephen Legomsky, John S. Lehmann University Professor, Washington University in St. Louis "The definitive word on the all-important tool of prosecutorial discretion in immigration enforcement. Wadhia traces the fascinating history of the exercise of such discretion under U.S. immigration law, which includes careful study of the famous case of John Lennon and Yoko Ono through to the use of such discretion in President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Rather than simply describing the history, *Beyond Deportation* offers concrete recommendations about prosecutorial discretion in immigration enforcement, including greater transparency in decisionmaking and rules that limit government attorneys in the exercise of discretion. Wadhia has written an important analysis of the most significant positive immigration development of the Obama administration."