

Immigration Enforcement Activities

California Values Act

California Courts serve everyone in the state of California. The Superior Court in Kings County is committed to providing all victims of crimes, witnesses, defendants, litigants, other interested persons, and members of the public, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, equal access to Court facilities, services and programs consistent with the mandates of the California Values Act, Government Code Section 7284.8(a).

To that end, the Court does not provide immigration agency personnel access to non-public areas within its facility, nor does it provide such personnel access to sealed or confidential case records or to confidential administrative records without a valid federal judicial warrant, subpoena, or federal court order.

Non-public areas of the Court include those secured or restricted areas designated for use by judicial officers, Court staff, security personnel, and persons with Court authorization. Non-public areas of the Court include: judicial chambers, corridors behind courtrooms, jury deliberation rooms, administrative offices, staff offices and/or open working areas, employee break rooms, conference rooms, and custody holding cells.

Collection and Dissemination of Information

Unless required by law or as necessary to perform official duties, Court personnel shall not:

- Inquire about an individual's immigration status;
- Collect and maintain personal information. Personal information means any information that identifies or describes an individual, including, but not limited to, his or her name, social security number, physical description, home address, home telephone number, education, financial matters, and medical or employment history.
- Provide any person or entity, personal information from a Court file or information regarding a person's release date unless:
 1. the person or officer making the request has a valid judicial warrant, subpoena, or Court order;
 2. the person subject to the search has a criminal history that meets the criteria of California Government Code section 7282.5, subdivisions (a) and (b); or
 3. the information is available to the public; or
- Share information regarding any juvenile case file for the purposes of immigration enforcement unless specifically authorized to do so by a judicial order.