

Immigration Enforcement and Rights

Additional Resources

Immigrants' Rights

EVERYONE in the United States — regardless of immigration status — has certain basic rights under the United States Constitution:

- The right to *remain silent* — Everyone may refuse to answer questions until they've had a chance to consult with an attorney.
- The right to *privacy* — No one has to open their door to any law enforcement agency — including ICE— unless a judge has issued a valid *search warrant*.
- The right to an *attorney* — Anyone facing removal (deportation) has the right to an attorney (but not at government expense, and possibly not for people stopped at ports of entry (e.g., international airports)).
- The right to *due process* — Everyone facing removal has the right to fair procedures.

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The link to the PowerPoint presentation developed by Constitutional Rights Foundation in partnership with Public Counsel is here: <https://teachdemocracy.org/program-page/courtroom-to-classroom-c2c/>.

California Courts - The Judicial Branch of California

The California Judicial Branch maintains a website to provide “fair and equal access to justice for all Californians.” Included on the site are a number of legal self-help resources, including the “Immigration Resource Directory” at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/immigration.htm>. Here, users can find basic information for California courts and the U.S. federal government, as well as links for legal self-help and resources for when children are separated from their parents in immigration proceedings.

Educating About Immigration

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) in Los Angeles has developed and maintains the Educating About Immigration website at crfimmigrationed.org. Neither CRF nor the Educating About Immigration site provide legal advice of any kind, but the site does include non-partisan information and classroom lessons for teachers, students, and Internet users.

ICE's Online Detainee Locator

If a person believes they know someone who has been detained by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), they can use ICE's online locator at <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>. In Los Angeles, ICE has a field office whose phone number is (213)830-7911. Automated immigration hearing information is available by calling 1-800-898-7180 and entering the detained person's A# (nine digits).

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Public Counsel

Founded in 1970, Public Counsel in Los Angeles is the largest pro bono law firm in the nation. Public Counsel assists people who live at or below the poverty level in areas such as children's rights, homelessness prevention, consumer law, and immigrant rights. Public Counsel has a hotline for those affected by U.S. immigration laws in English and *en Español* at (213)385-2977. Website: <http://www.publiccounsel.org>.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Founded in 1986, the CHIRLA organization provides community education services, community organizing, policy advocacy, and legal services for immigrants. Website: <http://www.chirla.org>.

Los Angeles County Bar Immigration Legal Assistance Project

The Los Angeles County Bar (LACBA) is a major professional organization for attorneys in Los Angeles County. The immigration legal assistance project provides legal consultation and assistance for low-income persons. Website: <https://www.lacba.org/give-back/immigration-legal-assistance-project>.

Notario Fraud

Here is a list of helpful resources for immigrants who wish to protect themselves from fraud by notarios/notaries, who are not attorneys:

- American Immigration Lawyers Association's Stop Notario Fraud website: <http://www.stopnotariofraud.org/>
- American Bar Association's notario-fraud warnings web pages: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/immigration/projects_initiatives/fightnotariofraud/about_notario_fraud.html
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) notario-fraud information web page: <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams>
- "L.A. County Supervisors move to stop fraudulent immigration services" from the *Los Angeles Daily News*: <http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20160913/la-county-supervisors-move-to-stop-fraudulent-immigration-services>
- Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law: A State-by-State Overview of Legal Mechanisms: <https://cliniclegal.org/upil>