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## ICE issues “Prosecutor Tool Kit” as resource to prosecutors

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is pleased to share its new “Prosecutor Tool Kit” — a resource aimed at making it easier for prosecutors to navigate through immigration issues when dealing with criminal cases.

The Prosecutor Tool Kit represents the first comprehensive resource developed by ICE for the justice community. Never before has ICE prosecutorial process, procedure, and practice been outlined in such a meaningful way, and consolidated into a single package.

“ICE wants prosecutors to have all the necessary information at their finger tips to help understand how the different moving parts of the immigration system may affect their cases. The Tool Kit will provide guidance and assistance to attorneys where important witnesses, victims, or defendants may face removal because they are illegally present in the United States,” said ICE’s Assistant Deputy Director Beth Gibson.

“The Prosecutor Tool Kit is a great resource for prosecutors faced with immigration issues. It explains immigration and visa terminology and each step of the immigration procedure very succinctly,” said the National District Attorneys Association President James M. Reams. “It is organized in a way that will make sense to prosecutors. The Prosecutor Tool Kit will make it much easier for prosecutors to respond effectively to immigration issues raised at any time during their criminal cases.”

### **Prosecutor Tool Kit highlights:**

- *Accessibility:* The Tool Kit will be posted to ICE’s website ([ICE.gov](http://ICE.gov)) in a prominent location available for downloading and as a web-enabled hyperlinked resource guide.
- *Ease of Use:* The Tool Kit offers a clear outline of topics allowing users to key word search or link directly to a topic.
- *Frequently Asked Questions:* FAQs were developed to create an outline of the tool kit; forming a topical and sensible approach to prosecutor questions.
- *ICE Contact Information:* For each topic, the tool kit provides the contact reference or office for further inquiries.

ICE created the Tool Kit because the agency recognizes that there may be situations where our federal and state prosecutor partners may benefit from having a foreign national remain in the United States for a period of time to assist with an ongoing investigation or to serve as a witness. Additionally, ICE understands that there may be situations when a prosecutor requires the presence of an alien witness or victim and that individual currently resides outside of the United States.

Fostering and sustaining relationships with our external stakeholders, including federal and state prosecutors, is a pivotal priority of ICE. ICE, through the Office of State, Local and Tribal Coordination (OSLTC), builds and improves partnership activities with multiple stakeholders – including state, local and tribal governments, law enforcement agencies/groups, local and state prosecutors, and non-governmental organizations. The building of constructive relationships with our stakeholders fosters community awareness and support for the agency's mission and enhances our understanding of stakeholder issues related to our enforcement operations.

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