

Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Immigration Section



Homeland Security

The Immigration Section collaborates with DHS Components and Offices on revisions to policy and procedures, external communications, and training development.

Asylum, credible fear and reasonable fear

Reviews regulations, programs, guidance and training materials to ensure the protection of civil rights and civil liberties of vulnerable individuals.

Immigration enforcement

Promotes attention to civil right and civil liberties in the enforcement of immigration laws in various areas such as 287(g) partnerships and during natural disasters.

International human rights treaties

Supports the CRCL Officer in her role as the single point of contact for DHS in fulfilling its international human rights treaty obligations.

Vulnerable populations

Ensures the protection of civil right and civil liberties in policies and training relating to human trafficking, unaccompanied children, and victim confidentiality under 8 U.S.C. § 1367.

Conditions of detention

Provides oversight and collaborates on the development of detention standards.

Worksite Enforcement, E-Verify, Form I-9 and SAVE

Reviews verification and worksite enforcement policies and practices to ensure U.S. worker rights are protected.

Immigration Data Sharing

Reviews data sharing agreements with other government partners to ensure appropriate use of immigration data.

2019 Accomplishments

- Provided input on over 40 new Department policies and regulations to ensure attention to the civil rights and civil liberties of immigrants, including asylum-seekers, detainees, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking and serious crimes.
 - Participated in 287(g) Program Advisory Board to identify potential civil rights and civil liberties concerns and vote on new applicant jurisdictions
 - Helped CBP complete their first cycle of sexual abuse prevention audits by assisting CBP in developing the audit instrument and methodology used for conducting audits in CBP holding facilities.
 - Led the Department's Council on Combating Violence Against Women, including collaborative efforts on preventing female genital mutilation/cutting and safeguarding the confidentiality of information in immigration applications for humanitarian relief.
 - Met with non-governmental organizations to dialogue and share information on immigration policy issues of concern or interest.
 - Coordinated the Department's review of more than a dozen international and regional human rights inquiries.
 - Collaborated with USCIS, ICE and DOJ to incorporate civil rights and civil liberties protections in the employment verification process.
 - Reviewed 10 DHS data sharing agreements for renewal or extension.
 - Led DHS-wide effort to the revise PALMs training module "Alien Victims of Crimes: Immigration Benefits and Confidentiality Protections."
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With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.