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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) 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.



Tool Kit for Prosecutors

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