



Virtual Attorney Visitation Program **VAV**

at IRWIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Overview

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention standards require that detainees in ICE facilities be allowed confidential contact with attorneys and their authorized representatives. In an effort to facilitate improved detainee access to legal representatives, ICE is spearheading the implementation of VAV in detention facilities nationwide. VAV, which facilitates confidential attorney-client conversations through virtual technology (for example, through Skype), does not substitute for in-person meetings, but it does provide an alternative for attorneys to communicate with clients in a timely and efficient manner.



Implementation of Virtual Attorney Visitation may include:

- Designation of at least one (1) room per facility for VAV, outfitted with video equipment or tablets, that affords privacy and allows confidential video and audio communication between detainees and legal representatives. Willingness and ability to expand video visitation to two (2) or more rooms per facility, if necessary.
- Established protocol for secured monitoring of the VAV rooms by ensuring visibility of detainee through windowed doors or other alternative.
- Allow at least four (4) hours per day for detainee accessibility of VAV
- Established system and protocol which allows attorneys to contact the facility and schedule VAV visitation at least 24-hours in advance.
- Willingness and ability to use the video visitation equipment for separated parent/child visitations, contingent upon availability.

Process for requesting a virtual legal visit at Irwin:

- Requests for virtual meetings will require 24 hours advance notice and will be scheduled in 30 to 60-minute increments. Requests can be made at Irwinice@irwincdc.com or 229-468-4121 ext. 251 or 252.
- Per the standards, the legal representative will be required to show appropriate identification, such as a bar card from any state, or other available documentation demonstrating bar membership, as is required for in-person visits.
- Contract staff will coordinate and supervise virtual attorney visits and manage scheduling.

Irwin will begin
accepting requests
for virtual legal
visits by email:

Irwinice@irwincdc.com



For additional
questions about this
process, please
contact Irwin at:



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