

Confidential Case Files and Records within Case Files

The following items are confidential/privileged by law and may not be copied or shown to the public:

1. Juvenile court records (Welfare & Institutions Code section 827), except as provided in Welfare and Institutions Code section 676(d);
2. Adoption proceeding records (Family Code section 9200);
3. Termination of parental rights proceeding records (Family Code section 7805);
4. Probation reports are open to any person for 60 days after judgment (except for portions that are confidential by law, e.g. social security numbers, which shall be redacted by the clerk). At the expiration of 60 days, the report can be viewed by:
 - a. Persons authorized or required by law to inspect or receive copies of the report;
 - b. By the district attorney of the county at any time;
 - c. By the subject of the report at any time; and
 - d. By the general public, including reporters, by order of the court, upon filing a petition therefore by the person. (Penal Code section 1203.05)
5. Criminal grand jury indictments, until defendant is arrested; unless ordered sealed. (Penal Code section 924);
6. Transcripts of grand jury proceedings until ten calendar days after presentation thereof to defendant; unless ordered sealed (Penal Code section 938.1(b));
7. Sealed criminal records (Penal Code sections 851.8 & 1203.45);
8. Subpoenaed records and expert reports, unless/until they are introduced as evidence (Penal Code section 1326; Evidence Code section 1560);
9. Search warrants and affidavits, until the return of service is filed, or ten (10) days after issuance, whichever occurs first; thereafter subject to PC 964 for redaction of victim and witness information (Penal Code section 1534);
10. Jury identification information (Code of Civil Procedure section 237);
11. Reports concerning mentally disordered prisoners (Penal Code section 4011.6);
12. Criminal history information (Penal Code sections 11105, 13300 et seq.);
13. D.M.V. printouts (Vehicle Code sections 1808.21(a) & (d), 1808.5, 1808.7, 1653.5);

14. C.I.I. and Rap sheets (Penal Code sections 11076, 11105, 13300);
15. Mental evaluations (Evid. Code section 1017, Penal Code sections 1026, 4011.6, Cal. Rule of Court 10.500);
16. Test results ordered for AIDS (Health and Safety Code sections 121055, 121065);
17. Drug and alcohol test results in Family Law cases (Family Code section 3041.5);
18. Affidavits by the attorney for co-counsel on capital cases and motions for investigator fees (Penal Code sections 987(d), 987.9(a));
19. Social Security numbers (Government Code section 68107);
20. In forma pauperis applications (Cal. Rule of Court 3.54);
21. Records and documents in attachment cases when a request is made (Code of Civil Procedure section 482.050);
22. Paternity case documents unless good cause shown, excepting judgments (Family Code section 7643);
23. Personnel records contained in a case file;
24. Financial records and Statement of Assets form (Penal Code section 1202.4);
25. Pre-sentencing diagnostic reports (Penal Code section 1203.03);
26. Victim impact statements (Penal Code section 1191.15);
27. Child custody evaluation reports (Family Code section 3111);
28. Uniform Parentage Act documents (Family Code section 7643);
29. Support enforcement and child abduction records (Family Code sections 17212 & 17514);
30. Income tax returns in support cases (Family Code section 3552);
31. Confidential Guardian Screening forms (Cal. Rule of Court 7.1050(c));
32. Confidential Conservator Screening forms (Cal. Rule of Court 7.1050(c));

33. Reports regarding proposed conservatorships or guardianship available only to those persons specified by statute or granted by a judge (Probate Code sections 1513 and 1826);
34. Limited access to Unlawful Detainer cases for sixty (60) days after filing of complaint or confidential if defendant prevails within the sixty (60) days. (Civil Code of Procedure section 1161.2);
35. Any other document(s) made confidential by Court order (Cal. Rule of Court 2.550);
36. Investigative reports, police reports, arrest reports, indictments, or documents in support of an arrest warrant or a search warrant that may contain confidential personal information of any witness or victim are subject to Administrative Order 2010-21 (Penal Code section 964).
37. Judge's notes; and
38. Staff attorney memos or notes.

Exceptions to Court policy can only be granted to the extent consistent with law and upon order of the Court. Persons requesting access to confidential records are to be advised that they may appear in court to request a court order for access to the confidential records. The aforementioned confidential records are in no way intended as a final and complete list of confidential records. Other records may be deemed confidential at the discretion of the Court and/or in accordance with law. This list may be amended as the Court deems appropriate.