5-10/030.00 Attorney and Professional Room Visits

Each facility shall develop and implement a plan which shall provide legal and professional representatives reasonable access to interview inmates, pursuant to Penal Code section 825b, "Appearance before a magistrate, extension of time," Penal Code section 834c (a) (3) "Consular Visits," and the Minimum Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, Title 15, section 1068, "Access to the Courts and Counsel."

Attorneys shall be in possession of a valid, governmentally issued photo identification and a valid California State Bar card. A Los Angeles County Public Defender's identification card shall be acceptable identification for access. The Public Defender's law clerks shall be allowed access if they are accompanied by a public defender or paralegal in possession of a valid Public Defender's I.D.

Attorneys in possession of a valid California State Bar card may use laptop computers during their professional visit with their client, upon signature and agreement to the terms and conditions outlined on the Custody Division Laptop Request and Acknowledgment form. The form shall be provided by the facility's attorney room personnel and shall be completed for each visit by an attorney requesting to use a laptop computer in a custody facility.

Consular officers shall be in possession of credentials issued by the U.S. State Department or by the Sheriff. Consular officers are entitled to use the attorney room.

Attorneys not licensed to practice law in the State of California shall not be admitted to the attorney interview area unless:

Accompanied by a California licensed attorney,

In possession of a Pro Hac Vice order (a court order allowing an out-of-state attorney to temporarily practice law in California) authorizing the attorney to visit the inmate.

Attorneys licensed by another state may visit inmates held on their State's fugitive warrant and need not be accompanied by a California licensed attorney.

All Attorney and Professional Room rules shall be posted in a conspicuous place in plain view of both visitors and inmates. Violation of these rules may result in the termination of the visit.

The term "professional representatives" includes, but is not limited to, persons representing inmate advocate groups.