



Practice Alert

RELEASE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS TO JUVENILE OFFICERS

The purpose of this Practice Alert is to clarify Memo [CD09-112](#) regarding the release of Social Security numbers and financial information on court documents.

House Bill 481 and Memo CD09-112 clearly state that full Social Security numbers cannot be listed on any pleadings, attachments, or exhibits filed with the court in any case. The intent of the legislation is to prevent disclosure of an individual's Social Security number which may be listed on a court document released to other parties in a court case.

The law does **not** prohibit release of Social Security numbers to the Juvenile Office. Children's Division (CD) staff may continue to release Social Security numbers to the Juvenile Office in the normal course of business. Juvenile Officers are bound by the same confidentiality laws as CD staff and must also comply with this legislation.

Juvenile Office staff must use Social Security numbers in their agency for identity purposes, similar to requirements for CD staff. Therefore, we should not withhold Social Security numbers from the Juvenile Office.

Please refer to [Memo CD09-112](#) and [Statute 509.520](#) for additional information.