

Counties Providing Immigration Removal Defense

County	Provide by	Attorney Staffing	Funding	Caseload	Restrictions	Priority
Alameda	Public Defender	5 removal defense attorneys	Supported with general fund and a \$1.3M federal grant	25 cases/attorney	Only former/current PD clients	Detained clients, non- detained (w/ consideration on case success), juveniles, & vulnerable populations (i.e. SUD, MH)
San Diego	Office of Assigned Counsel	10 panel attorneys, 3 nonprofit partners	\$5 million general fund	Avg. total caseload of 120 cases	Only detained individuals (inc. alternatives to incarceration)	Cases/referrals are not prioritized
San Francisco	Public Defender	8 removal defense attorneys	All general fund (est. \$3m)	25 cases/attorney	No geographical restrictions, and the majority do not have criminal connections.	The priority is detained individuals, and PD clients with immigration ties/issues.
Santa Clara	Public Defender	2 immigration attorneys (split Padilla consultations and removal defense)	Est. \$800k	Not provided	Must be existing or prior Public Defender clients	Priority given to those that are detained