



## **Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law Guides Families Through New Nashville Immigration Enforcement Changes**

*August 27, 2026*

August 27, 2026 -

Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law Office has issued guidance for immigrant families across Tennessee in response to two major developments reshaping the immigration landscape in the region: a newly awarded federal ICE call center contract and a state law expanding local police cooperation with immigration authorities.

Federal contract records show that Immigration and Customs Enforcement has awarded a \$63 million contract to build a 24-hour call center in the Nashville area. The project, originally slated for the town of Adams, Tennessee, has since been redirected to the Donelson area of Davidson County. The facility is expected to operate around the clock across three eight-hour shifts, seven days a week. Several Metro Council members have said they were not consulted in advance, and some have joined community and faith leaders in opposing the plan.

At the same time, Tennessee lawmakers concluded the 2026 legislative session by passing a law requiring local law enforcement agencies to assist federal immigration authorities under 287(g) agreements. In

practical terms, police and sheriffs' departments now have expanded authority, and in many cases an obligation, to check immigration status and coordinate with ICE, including during routine encounters such as traffic stops.

Immigrant advocacy organizations in Tennessee report that ICE arrests across the state have increased since early 2025, with a further rise in recent months. Attorneys and advocates note that a growing share of these arrests occur through everyday interactions, including traffic stops, jail bookings, and scheduled immigration appointments that were previously considered routine.

For mixed-status families, this combination of developments means that a broken taillight or a routine check-in with immigration officials can now carry far higher stakes. Many families remain uncertain about their rights, what to say if stopped, and whether it is safe to attend a scheduled USCIS appointment without legal counsel present.

"Families are understandably anxious right now, and that anxiety is justified," said a representative of Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law. "The role of an attorney is to make sure that anxiety does not turn into a costly mistake. Having the right documentation in place, and having counsel present at every step, matters more today than it ever has."

The Nashville immigration law office recommends several steps for families in the region. These include understanding their rights during any interaction with local police or ICE, never attending a USCIS appointment or interview without legal representation, reviewing immigration paperwork and status now rather than waiting for an encounter to reveal a problem, and establishing a plan in case a family member is detained.

"The immigration system is complex and constantly changing, and small documentation errors can carry lasting consequences," the representative added. "Planning ahead and organizing paperwork correctly is one of the most important things a family can do in this environment. Those who wish to learn about the firm's work can [Read Our Reviews](#)."

Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law Office is a family-owned, Nashville, Tennessee-based firm focused on immigration law, with a team carrying more than a decade of individual experience. The firm assists individuals and families with green card applications, adjustment of status, citizenship and naturalization, responses to Requests for Evidence and Notices of Intent to Deny, appeals of field office denials, waivers of inadmissibility, family petitions, and representation at USCIS Nashville Field Office interviews.

###

For more information about Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law, contact the company here:Colavecchio  
& Colavecchio LawColavecchio & Colavecchio Law615-242-3333info@colavecchiolaw.com339  
Harrison St, TN 37219, United States

## **Colavecchio & Colavecchio Law**

*Colavecchio and Colavecchio Law Office is a Nashville-based immigration law firm. We specialize in marriage-based green cards, K visas, family petitions, provisional waivers, denials, status adjustments, and citizenship or naturalization applications.*

Website: <https://colavecchiolaw.com/>

Email: [info@colavecchiolaw.com](mailto:info@colavecchiolaw.com)

Phone: 615-242-3333

