
Traveling with client documents

Posted by Tomas P. - 2008/03/03 17:09

Now with increased security at the airports, i hear that airport security is making copies of documents that go through security. Doesn't this breach attorney/client confidential communications? What about data on a computer? Will they seize that next in pursuit of "national security?"

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Re:Traveling with client documents

Posted by Jackie - 2008/03/05 00:04

I believe you have little if any rights at borders and airports. And the reality is that by the time they take you to the side, ask you to turn on your laptop, inquire about where you're going and why, decide to question you further in a private room, fiddle with your computer (i.e. quickly copy all the info. on on the hard drive), all of this over your objections that you have private privileged client information on there..... they'll have made off with what they needed and you're only recourse would be to sue. Who needs the headache, just leave the stuff at home or put it on a memory stick, pack it in your suitcase with your toiletries, and pull it out and plug it into your laptop when you arrive at your destination.

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Re:Traveling with client documents

Posted by Sumo - 2008/03/05 18:01

I haven't heard about this. Airport security is copying documents. I don't believe they can do that, what security risk are they protecting against by copying documents? This is news to me.

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Re:Traveling with client documents

Posted by ai1829 - 2008/03/11 15:37

i don't think you're supposed to read it so literally. here's a scenario: attorneys are traveling overseas... say the ME... to visit clients accused of funding terrorism. those attorneys may want to be cautious of the information on their laptops. if security decides the attorney's name is on "a list" so to speak, then they're taken to the side and asked questions.

the reality is that if you've got nothing to hide, worst case scenario is your time was wasted. just be cautious of the personal, private, and privileged information you carry around.

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