

Privacy at Risk:

Searches of Electronic Devices at Ports of Entry and Beyond

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While basic protections apply at border crossings, immigration and customs agents have broad powers to search arriving travelers without a warrant. Do warrantless searches of electronic devices violate constitutionally protected rights? What safeguards apply to these searches? Recent decisions in the United States and Canada are shining the spotlight on the status of electronic devices when crossing international borders. These searches raise significant ethical issues for legal counsel.

A panel of experts will discuss the implications of recent court rulings on the scope of border searches and the level of privacy protection accorded to electronic devices.



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