Responsibility Meter Report

Judge extends access-to-counsel protections for Minnesota immigration detainees

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Event harm: 73.0 · Confidence: 78.7

Summary

A federal judge extended an order requiring authorities to give immigrants detained in Minnesota immediate access to attorneys before they are transferred out of state. The ruling continued judicial intervention in a detention system accused of blocking counsel access and rapidly moving people away from legal support.

Top actors

1. DHS and ICE transfer-policy leadership | culpability 43.2 | confidence 68.0
2. Minnesota federal detention leadership | culpability 41.9 | confidence 80.0
3. Judge Nancy Brasel | culpability 33.1 | confidence 88.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Associated Press: AP report on the extended access-to-counsel order for Minnesota detainees