



What Is Daniel's Law?

Keeping covered persons' home addresses protected from public disclosure on government websites

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In November 2020, Governor Murphy signed “Daniel’s Law” legislation that protects the home addresses and unlisted telephone numbers of federal and state judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers from public disclosure. This law was named in honor of Daniel Anderl, the late son of U.S. District Court Judge Esther Salas. Daniel fell victim to a senseless act of gun violence committed by an individual who had compiled a dossier of personal information about Judge Salas, including the judge’s home address. Daniel lost his life at the front door of his family’s home trying to protect his parents from this person.

The Daniel’s Law Portal, operated by the Office of Information Privacy (OIP) in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, opened on July 13, 2022. The law enables any active or retired judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, or immediate family members residing with them, to request removal of their residence information from public-facing websites operated by state, county, or local governments in the State of New Jersey.

The OIP has been identifying and working with state, county, and municipal agencies that post the residence information of these persons on their websites so they are poised to remove that information from public view when the OIP informs them of these redaction requests.

Register for protections

If you are a member of one of these eligible groups and have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity, please register for these protections. Daniel’s Law was enacted for you and for your family.

“Not a single day goes by that I don’t think about my Daniel. For me and my husband Mark, there is nothing we can do to bring our Daniel back. However, if you are a covered person, you have an option,” said United States District Judge Esther Salas. “Please log onto the portal, follow the steps, and apply for the safeguards of Daniel’s Law.”

To submit a registration request, covered persons must first create a myNewJersey account on the State of New Jersey website if they don’t have one already. When their myNewJersey account is created, covered persons should then submit a registration request on the Daniel’s Law portal.

To date, thousands of covered persons have been approved for eligibility and provided their residence information for redaction.

But there are still many who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to reduce their internet footprint and protect their residence information from discovery. The Daniel’s Law Portal has been opened for you. 🗝

@ For information about Daniel’s Law and instructions for registration, go to: www.danielslaw.nj.gov.

For information about the Office of Information Privacy, go to: www.nj.gov/dca/oip. Questions or problems? Call the OIP at 609-815-3939 or email your questions to: OIP@dca.nj.gov.

Who is a Covered Person?

A covered person is any active, former, or retired judge, prosecutor, law enforcement officer, or their immediate family members residing in the same household.

Who is an Authorized Person?

A person authorized to submit a request on behalf of a covered person can be any of the following:

- The covered person.
- A designee of the United States Marshals Service or of the clerk of any United States District Court.
- A person acting as a designated trustee, estate executor, or one given power of attorney or other legal instrument for any covered person who is deceased or incapacitated.
- A parent or legal guardian of any immediate family member who is a minor.