

Any felony supervision, probation or conviction cannot be expunged or sealed, unless you get a pardon which specifically authorizes expungement. A person can get information on how to get a pardon from the Prisoner Review Board (217) 782-7273.

In order to have your record sealed or expunged, you must meet certain requirements. The Office of the State Appellate Defender has FREE information packets which will tell you:

Whether your criminal record qualifies for expungement or sealing.
Instructions for having your criminal record expunged or sealed.
Petitions that you can file with the court of your sentencing county.

A list of attorneys that may be able to help you at a low cost or no cost.

This information is current as of January 1, 2004. Please be advised that the laws may change without notice. Check our website at <http://state.il.us/defender/exp.html> for updates.

To request an information package which includes instructions, email your name, address and inquiries to Jennifer.Walsh@OSAD.state.il.us

Or contact us TOLL-FREE at (866) 431-4907.

Or go to our website at:
<http://state.il.us/defender/exp.html>

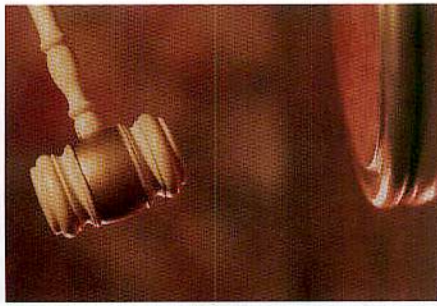
Or write us at:
Expungement Project
Office of the State Appellate Defender
P.O. Box 5780
Springfield, Illinois 62705-5780

WANT TO CLEAR YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD?



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GET YOUR ILLINOIS CRIMINAL RECORD SEALED OR EXPUNGED.



Effective **January 1, 2004**, people with qualifying arrests and convictions may petition the court of their sentencing county for an expungement or a sealing of their records.

Criminal Identification Act 20 ILCS 2630/5

Your criminal record can cause many problems in obtaining employment, professional licensing or funding for college.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO START OVER!



When your case is expunged or sealed, it becomes off-limits to everybody except law-enforcement agencies. It also means that, when you apply for a job, you don't have to disclose that you have been convicted, arrested or charged.

IF YOU WERE:

- Arrested but never charged;
- Charged but never prosecuted;
- Acquitted;
- Convicted but your conviction was reversed; or
- Sentenced to supervision, probation or convicted of a qualifying misdemeanor;

YOU MAY HAVE YOUR RECORD SEALED AND/OR EXPUNGED.



The following misdemeanor convictions **cannot** be expunged or sealed.

- Driving under the Influence
- A misdemeanor violation of Article 11 of the Criminal Code of 1961, which includes Adultery, Fornication, Public Indecency, Marrying a Bigamist and/or Obscenity, or Dog Fighting
- Assault
- Aggravated Assault
- Battery
- Domestic Battery
- Reckless Conduct
- Criminal Sexual Abuse
- Violation of an Order of Protection
- A misdemeanor violation of the Humane Care for Animals Act
- Any offense that subjects a person to registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act