



Cleaning Up Your Criminal Record

For help with expungements:

The Defender Association of Philadelphia
Ph: 215.568.3190
www.philadefender.org

The Criminal Records Expungement Project
Ph: 215.995.1230
www.paexpungementproject.org

Community Legal Services
Ph: 215.981.3700
www.clsphila.org

For help with pardons:

The Pardon Me Clinic
Ph: 215.335.0235
www.x-offenders.org

Community Legal Services
Ph: 215.981.3700
www.clsphila.org

Expungements are available for:

- Non-conviction charges (e.g. dismissed, withdrawn, nolle prossed, not guilty, etc.)
- ARD/Section 17 if you complete the program and pay the fine
- Summary convictions if you have a five-year arrest free period since the conviction
- Summary convictions if you were under 18 at the time of the offense, you are now over 18, AND six months have passed since you completed the sentence and paid the fine
- Starting 11/14/2016, some misdemeanor convictions can be sealed if 10 years have passed (there are complicated rules)
- Misdemeanor and felony convictions if you are 70+ years old and have a ten-year arrest free period since the conviction(s)

Pardons are available for:

- Misdemeanor and felony convictions
- Recommended waiting period of at least five years from the completion of a misdemeanor sentence and ten years from the completion of a felony sentence before applying
- All court fines and costs should be paid before applying
- The pardon process is long (it can take 4+ years) and a lot of work (writing essays, gathering documents) but it can be worth it - if you get a pardon, your conviction(s) can be expunged!



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