

Record Expungement

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In order to have your case heard in the Veterans Court, you have to provide evidence of your military service. You must be eligible to qualify for veteran benefits. You also need to be under probation or prepared to enter a plea in abeyance in order to be admitted into Veterans Court.

Few people enjoy having a criminal record, especially when good opportunities for work or housing can already be hard to find. Luckily, **Utah offers record expungement, which can wipe the slate clean and let you get on with your life.** Unfortunately, expunging your records still requires a lengthy process. That's why we're here.

With 100+ years here in Salt Lake, our attorneys know how to provide the service you want while also achieving the results you deserve. Our highly qualified lawyers aggressively preserve your quality of life by tackling the legal components so you can focus on more important things.

We can help you with your Utah record expungement. Call [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965) today for a free case review.

What is Record Expungement?

[Record expungement](#) is the process of having your criminal record sealed from public view. It doesn't erase your arrest or conviction, but it does mean that no one except certain government officials can see your record. As far as the public is concerned, the arrest, detention, criminal investigation, or conviction never happened.

Benefits of a Records Expungement:

- You no longer have the incident on your criminal record
- You can say you have not been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony on job or housing applications

- It can restore certain rights you forfeited after being convicted

Record Expungement Eligibility

Want to have your records expunged, but don't know if you qualify? There are two broad situations where you can have your records expunged. If you weren't convicted, a record of arrest may be expunged if:

- No charges were filed
- You were acquitted
- Your case was dismissed
- At least 30 days must have passed since your arrest

- You aren't facing any other criminal charges

If you were convicted, then you can have your records expunged after a certain number of years, depending on the severity of the crime:

- Misdemeanors under the Utah Traffic Code: 10 years
- Felonies under the Utah Controlled Substance Act: 10 years
- Other felonies: 7 years
- Class A misdemeanors: 5 years
- Class B misdemeanors: 4 years
- Other misdemeanors or infractions: 3 years

Note: Your criminal record may not be expunged if you were charged with a felony DUI, vehicular homicide, or if your conviction required you to register as a sex offender. Also, repeat offenses as well as particularly harmful crimes (violent crimes, first degree or capital felonies, etc.) can be grounds for denying expungement petitions. You can, however, petition to be pardoned even if you were convicted, which allows expungement. Call us if you have questions.

How to Expunge Your Criminal Record in Utah

If you want to expunge your record, you need to get a Certificate of Eligibility from the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification. They check to make sure you qualify, which can take a long time, and then issue the Certificate of Eligibility if you do. Once you receive the certificate, you need to file a petition at the court where your case was originally heard.

Even though expungement applies to criminal charges, the petition is always a civil case. Only by winning this case will the court issue an expungement order. Don't leave it to chance. Our expert lawyers can help you every step of the way, granting you high levels of personal attention and access to years of experience.

Contact Wasatch Defense Attorneys at 801-980-9965 today for a no-obligation consultation.

Guard Your Rights

Do NOT Waive Your Right to Legal Counsel! Authorities will try get you to incriminate yourself and suggest there is no need for an attorney. Stay calm and call us immediately: [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965)

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