

Expungement Assistance

The Legal Grind provides low-cost brief legal advice in a casual, comfortable neighborhood setting, with a cup of coffee and a pastry. During Legal Grind Sessions, law students at the University of Maryland School of Law will provide brief advice for no charge on how to expunge your criminal record. You must bring your current CJIS report with you to receive assistance.

Below is a brief outline of the steps required for expungement.

1. Obtain a Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Report
 - a. Go to the CJIS office on the first floor of Reisterstown Plaza
 - i. 6776 Reisterstown Rd., Suite 102 (west side of Reisterstown Plaza)
Baltimore, MD 21215
 - ii. Phone number: 410-764-4501 OR 1-888-795-0011
 - iii. Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 8:30-5:00; Thurs. 8:30 -6:30; first and third Sat. of each month 8:30-4:30
 - b. Bring a driver's license or other state-issued ID and \$38
 - i. \$20 fingerprint fee + \$18 CJIS fee
2. Come to Legal Grind for expungement assistance. Bring your CJIS report with you.

A law student will work with you to:

 - a. determine expungeable charges by:
 - i. checking if the charge is expungeable
 - ii. checking if the exceptions apply to the charge
 - iii. checking conditions necessary for each charge
 - b. complete the Petition for Expungement
 - c. complete the General Waiver and Release, if necessary.
3. File the Petition for Each Offense
 - a. Students will help you to understand which court you must file your petition.
 - b. There is a non refundable filing fee of \$30 per petition. That is given to the Court, not Legal Grind.
4. Request New Background Check
 - a. After the Court approves the request and agencies claim to have complied with the Court's order, make sure the record has been expunged.

Please contact Legal Grind at 410-706-4273 or legalgrind@law.umaryland.edu for additional information or to schedule an appointment.