

## Pennsylvania Criminal Record Assistance Resource Guide

### Philadelphia County

- *Free legal services*
  - Community Legal Services:
    - Services provided: expungement, sealing, pardon, court debt, employment advocacy
    - Intake: Walk-in at 1424 Chestnut St. M-F from 9-12, and at 1410 W, Erie Ave. M, W & F from 9-12.
    - Eligibility: Must be a Philadelphia resident with Philadelphia court cases, must be low income (under 187.5% of the federal poverty guidelines).
  - Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity
    - Services provided: expungement, sealing
    - Intake: See clinic schedule: [http://plsephilly.org/get-help/events/cat\\_ids~5/](http://plsephilly.org/get-help/events/cat_ids~5/).
    - Eligibility: Must have court cases in Philadelphia (can live outside of Philadelphia). Must be low income (under 200% of federal poverty guidelines).
  - Defender Association of Philadelphia
    - Services provided: expungement, sealing
    - Intake: Walk-in M-F from 9-5 at 1441 Sansom St.
    - Eligibility: Must be a former client of the Defender Association.
    - **Note: for juvenile expungement assistance, refer people to the Juvenile Expungement Hotline operated by the Defender Association: (267) 765-6770.**
  - Pro-bono assistance from Duane Morris: for people with Philadelphia records who are under 300% of the federal poverty guidelines, **Duane Morris may be able to take a direct referral.** Send the client's contact information to Katherine McGee [kichristianmcgee@duanemorris.com](mailto:kichristianmcgee@duanemorris.com) and KC Obenschain [KCObenschain@duanemorris.com](mailto:KCObenschain@duanemorris.com).
- *Other assistance*
  - Philadelphia Bar's Lawyer Referral & Information Services (LRIS): Call (215) 238-6333; M-F from 9-5.
  - *Pro se-* Petitions can be filed on the second floor motions desk of the Criminal Justice Center at 1301 Filbert St.

### Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties

- *Free legal services*
  - Neighborhood Legal Services
    - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon, court debt
    - Intake: Walk-in M-F from 9-3; Call (866) 761-6572 M-F from 9-12; online intake: [www.nlsa.us](http://www.nlsa.us).
    - Eligibility: Must be low-income (125% of federal poverty guidelines), person can live out of county if record is in county, person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
  - Pittsburgh Pro Bono Partnership Criminal Records Project
    - Services: Expungement, sealing
    - Intake: Cases go through Neighborhood Legal Services
    - Eligibility: can take people up to 200% of federal poverty guidelines

- Duquesne University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic
  - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon, employment advocacy
  - Intake: Phone message line: (412) 396-4704; clinics at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Second Friday of the month during the school year, call (412) 227-4802.
  - Eligibility: Low-income (187.5% of poverty guidelines), clients must either have Allegheny county cases, OR be Allegheny county residents.
- *Other assistance*
  - Allegheny County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (412) 261-5555.
  - Butler County Referral Service: Call (724)-841-0130.
  - Beaver County Referral Service: Call (724) 728-4888.
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call (800) 692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.

### **Montgomery, Delaware, Chester and Bucks Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania
    - Services provided: expungement, sealing, pardon (limited), court debt (limited), employment advocacy
    - Intake:
      - Call (877) 429-5994 toll free M-F 9am-1pm; online at [www.lasp.org](http://www.lasp.org), click on the **APPLY HERE** tab to start the online application process.
      - In-person
        - Norristown office: M, W & F, 1:30-3:45pm
        - Chester City: M & W, 10am-12noon
        - Bristol and Doylestown: as able during business hours (8:30-4:30)
        - Pottstown: Thursday, 1:30-3:45
    - Eligibility: Below 125%, or below 200% with sufficient medical or employment expenses to allow spend down to below 125%. Unrestricted if over 60 years old. Person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
  - Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender
    - Services provided: expungement, sealing
    - Intake: Walk-In Tuesdays 3-5, Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown (PD Office - Second Floor); Expungement Hotline: 610-278-3478
    - Eligibility: Must be a current/former client of the Public Defender's Office
- *Other Assistance*
  - Bucks County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (215) 348-9413, (888) 991-9922.
  - Chester County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 429-1500.
  - Delaware County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 566-6625.
  - Montgomery County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 279-9660.

### **Washington, Fayette, Greene, and Somerset Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - Southwestern PA Legal Services

- Services provided: expungement, sealing
- Intake: Walk-in M-F from 8:30-12 and 1-4:30; Call (800) 846-0871, M-F from 8:30-12 and 1-4:30; email [legalservices@splas.org](mailto:legalservices@splas.org)
- Eligibility: Must be low-income (187.5% of federal poverty guidelines); must have ordered and received copy of PA State Police Record. Person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
- *Other Assistance*
  - Washington County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (724) 225-6710
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call (800) 692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.

**Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill and York Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - MidPenn Legal Services
    - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon, court debt
    - Intake:
      - Lancaster: walk-in M-F from 9-4; call (717) 299-0971, M-F from 9-4.
      - York: Walk-in M-F from 8:30-3:30; call (717) 848-3605, M-F from 8:30-3:30.
      - All other counties: must call Coordinated Intake Unit 800-326-4958.
    - Eligibility: Must be low-income (125% of federal poverty guidelines), person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
- *Other Assistance*
  - Berks County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 375-4591.
  - Cumberland County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 249-3166.
  - Dauphin County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 232-7536.
  - Franklin County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 267-2032.
  - Lancaster County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 393-0737.
  - Lebanon County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 273-3133.
  - York County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (717) 854-8755.
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call 800-692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.

**Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Forest, Warren, Elk, McKean, Cameron, and Potter Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - Northwestern Legal Services
    - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon
    - Intake: Call (800) 665-6957 M-F from 9-4; online [nwls.org](http://nwls.org).
    - Eligibility: Must be low income (125% of federal poverty guidelines). Person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
- *Other Assistance*
  - Erie County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (814) 459-4411.
  - Mercer County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (724) 342-3111.
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call (800) 692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.

**Bradford, Susquehanna, Carbon, Luzerne, Clinton, Lycoming, Tioga, Columbia, Montour, Lackawanna, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, Pike, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, and Wayne Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - North Penn Legal Services
    - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon, employment advocacy
    - Intake: Call (877) 953-4250; online <https://www.northpennlegal.org/get-help>
    - Eligibility: Must be low income (125% of federal poverty guidelines). Person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant.
- *Other Assistance*
  - Carbon County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 379-4950.
  - Luzerne County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (570) 822-6029.
  - Lackawanna County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (570) 969-9600.
  - Lehigh County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 433-7094.
  - Northampton County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (610) 258-6333.
  - Monroe County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (570) 424-7288.
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call (800) 692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.

**Armstrong, Cambria, Clarion, Indiana, Jefferson and Westmoreland Counties**

- *Free legal assistance*
  - Laurel Legal Services
    - Services: expungement, sealing, pardon, court debt, employment advocacy
    - Intake: Call (800) 253-9558 M-F 8:30-4:30
    - Eligibility: Must be low income (125% of federal poverty guidelines). Person must be a US citizen or eligible documented immigrant. Person must be a resident of one of the above counties and criminal record must be impacting employment.
- *Other Assistance*
  - Westmoreland County Lawyer Referral Service: Call (724) 834-8490
  - Pennsylvania Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: Call (800) 692-7375; M-F 8-4:30.