

Record Expungement (Clean Slate)

Washington, D.C.

- **Public Defender Service (PDS) - Criminal Record Sealing:**
 - **Best For:** Comprehensive legal representation.
 - **What They Offer:** Free legal representation and regular clinics to help residents seal or expunge their DC criminal records. They are the primary experts on DC record sealing law.
 - **Phone:** (202) 628-1200
 - **Website:** pdsdc.org
- **Rising for Justice:**
 - **Best For:** Same-day assistance at court-based clinics.
 - **What They Offer:** They operate an "Expungement Clinic" that provides free legal assistance to help individuals clear their criminal records.
 - **Address:** 901 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
 - **Phone:** (202) 638-4798
 - **Website:** risingforjustice.org
- **Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP):**
 - **Best For:** Removing barriers to employment.
 - **What They Offer:** Their "Barrier Removal" project specifically focuses on sealing records to help residents get jobs and housing. They hold regular clinics at their ward-based offices.
 - **Phone:** (202) 832-6577
 - **Website:** nlsp.org
- **Bread for the City:**
 - **Best For:** Holistic legal and social support.
 - **What They Offer:** Their legal clinic assists with record sealing as part of a broader effort to support employment and housing stability for low-income residents.
 - **Phone:** (202) 265-2400
 - **Website:** breadforthecity.org

Prince George's County, MD

- **Community Legal Services of Prince George's County:**
 - **Best For:** Free legal representation for low-income residents.
 - **What They Offer:** They provide free attorneys to represent clients in expungement hearings and host regular clinics to help fill out the necessary court forms.
 - **Phone:** (240) 391-6370
 - **Website:** clspgc.org
- **Maryland Legal Aid (Prince George's Office):**
 - **Best For:** Frequent community clinics.
 - **What They Offer:** They host regular "Expungement Clinics" at local libraries and community centers where attorneys help you draft and file petitions on the spot.
 - **Address:** 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Landover, MD 20785
 - **Phone:** (301) 927-6800
 - **Website:** mdlab.org
- **Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office:**
 - **Best For:** Large-scale "Expungement Fairs."
 - **What They Offer:** The State's Attorney's Office periodically hosts major expungement events where residents can get help from multiple agencies at once.
 - **Website:** pgsao.org (Check "Events" for upcoming fairs).
- **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS):**
 - **Best For:** Online resources and pro bono matching.
 - **What They Offer:** They match low-income residents with volunteer lawyers for expungement cases and provide a "cyber clinic" for questions.
 - **Phone:** (410) 547-6537
 - **Website:** mvslslaw.org