

FREE LEGAL EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC



Engaging Faith-based Communities



Beginning April 13, 2019, the Access to Justice (A2J) Committee of Georgia Judicial Council in collaboration with the State Bar Pro Bono Resource Center and Dougherty County Law Library will partner with various Faith organizations to host four expungement clinics in rural Georgia areas.

An expungement deletes from public records a person's arrest, conviction or non-adjudication so that those records do not appear during criminal background investigations conducted as part of a job or other application process. Expungement allows a person to be eligible for better employment, joining the military, enrolling into schools and housing. Society also benefits from expungements in that increased employment grows public revenue, reduces recidivism, and improves public safety.

This four-part series of free legal services are open to Georgia residents who have charges that are eligible for expungement under existing Georgia law. Attorneys assisting at the events will provide their services at no cost to those who participate.

The first event has been scheduled as follows:

LOCATION: Mt. Zion Baptist Church 901 S. Westover BLVD. Albany, GA 31707

TIME: 11AM to 4PM (Doors will close at 3:30PM)

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Pre-registration is highly recommended, however walk-ins will be allowed.

Georgia's Supreme Court established the Judicial Council Standing Committee on Access to Justice, with the mission of improving the public's trust in the judicial branch by promoting meaningful and effective access to courts and fairness for all.

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