

Expungement-Part 4 (Forms)

If you want to ask the court to expunge a case, file a Petition for Expungement. A petition is a formal written request made to the court asking for some action. In expungement cases, your petition asks the court to remove your case from court records. This video reviews the forms involved in the expungement process.

Watch the Video



Petition for Expungement

- If you were convicted or pled guilty, complete a [Petition for Expungement of Records, Guilty Disposition \(form CC-DC-CR-072B\)](#).
- If your case ended in a favorable disposition, complete a [Petition for Expungement of Records, Acquittal, Dismissal, Probation Before Judgment, Nolle Prosequi, Stet, or Not Criminally Responsible Disposition \(form CC-DC-CR-072A\)](#).
- Favorable dispositions:
 - You were acquitted or found not guilty.
 - Your case was dismissed.
 - The court ordered probation before judgment.
 - The State's Attorney chose not to prosecute, also known as nolle prosequi or nolle pros.
 - Your case was indefinitely postponed, also known as stet.
 - You were found not criminally responsible.
- If your case ended in an acquittal, not guilty, dismiss or nolle prosequi disposition on or after October 1, 2021, the case will be automatically expunged after three years. If you don't want to wait three years, complete a [Petition for Expungement Of Records Acquittal, Dismissal, Not Guilty, Or Nolle Prosequi \(Less Than 3 Years Has Passed Since Disposition\) \(form DC-CC-CR-072C\)](#).

General Waiver and Release

- In some limited instances, a [General Waiver and Release \(form CC-DC-CR-078\)](#) allows the court to consider your petition before the end of the required waiting period.
- If your case ended with a disposition of not guilty, nolle prosequi, acquittal, or dismissal, you may file your petition earlier than three years if you also file a General Waiver and Release.
- By completing this form, you agree to waive certain rights, including the right to pursue civil claims for actions such as wrongful arrest, detention, or confinement.

Legal Help

- If you do not understand the rights you are waiving, talk to a lawyer at the Maryland Courts Help Center. Call 410-260-1392 or chat live at mdcourts.gov/helpcenter.



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- These lawyers can provide brief advice and help you complete the forms.
- Find forms at the courthouse or online at mdcourts.gov/courtforms. Find links to the expungement forms at mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/expungement.



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