

The Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York Re-entry Project provides civil legal services in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer Counties to overcome housing and employment issues caused by your criminal record.

LASNNY's Re-entry Project may be able to assist with FREE legal advice, advocacy, or direct representation. We may be able to help you:

- Obtain copies of your rap sheet
- Correct errors on your rap sheet
- Obtain Certificates of Relief or Certificates of Good Conduct
- Criminal records sealing after 10 years (if eligible)
- Challenge state and federal violations of employment discrimination laws
- Challenge wrongful denials of housing opportunities based on justice system involvement
- Help overcome denials of work clearance or licensing (examples, including but not limited to: PCA, HHA, CNA, LPN, real estate, insurance sales, security guard etc.)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL**  
**The Legal Aid Society**  
**of Northeastern NY**  
**Re-entry Project**

**(518) 462-6765 or**  
**toll free (800) 462-2922**  
**Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm**

**[www.lasnny.org/re-entry-project](http://www.lasnny.org/re-entry-project)**

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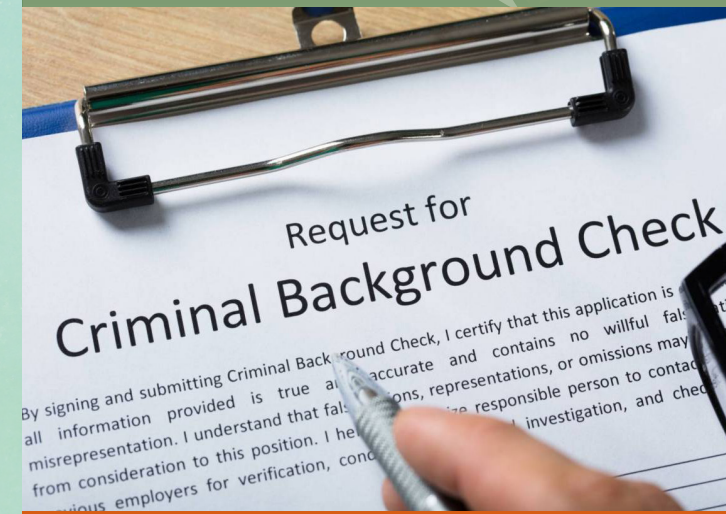
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*The prescreening checklist does not reflect all the nuances, exceptions and complexity of the law and is not a substitute for consulting with a licensed attorney who can conduct and in-depth criminal history review to determine eligibility for sealing under CPL 160.59.*

**Is your  
criminal record  
holding you back?**



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# Are you eligible for New York's New Criminal Record Sealing law?

## Do you have two or fewer criminal convictions?

These things are NOT convictions

- Violations: disorderly conduct, very low-level marijuana possession
- Traffic infractions
- Cases resolved in your favor: adjourned in contemplation of dismissal and then dismissed; declined to prosecute, acquitted
- Juvenile Delinquent and Youthful Offender adjudications do not count, but Juvenile Offender and Adolescent Offender convictions may count, unless the case was decided in family court.

Please note: two convictions from the same incident, may count as one

YES

## One or zero felonies?

YES

## Are the convictions eligible offenses for sealing?

Not Eligible: sex crimes, violent felonies, A felonies, homicides, conspiracy or attempt to commit an ineligible offense

Please note: Federal crimes are not covered by New York's sealing law

YES

## You do NOT have current or pending criminal charges?

YES

## Have you been crime free for 10 or more years?

10 years since the last conviction, or release from incarceration for the most recent conviction whichever is later

NO

If the answer is  
**YES**

to all questions,  
you are potentially  
eligible for criminal record  
sealing.

Please contact the LASNNY  
Re-entry Project for more  
information about sealing  
your record.

NO

If the answer is NO to any  
question, you are likely not  
sealing eligible, BUT should  
still consult with an attorney  
to double check and explore  
other options for criminal  
record relief like Certificates of  
Relief or Certificates of Good  
Conduct.

NO

To learn more about what  
the LASNNY Re-entry  
Project CAN do for you,  
please see the back panel.

NO