Franklin County Municipal Court



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Registration Open for Largest Local Criminal Record Expungement Clinic to Date

The Annual Criminal Record Expungement Clinic, which helps residents seal or expunge certain criminal cases, is now accepting registrations for what may be its largest event to date. The Court expects the clinic to assist up to 1,000 people.

The clinic will help individuals whose criminal records are barriers to employment or housing. Under Ohio law, certain criminal charges and convictions can be removed from public view with a judge's approval, though law enforcement can still access these records.

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: OhioMeansJobs Employment Center, 1111 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH. Free parking is available onsite, and the site can be accessible by COTA's No. 10 bus line.

Registration is necessary and available online at https://bit.ly/3XifX7. Registration must be completed by noon on Oct. 4, 2024.

Eligibility

Applicants must not:

- be on probation or community control.
- have any open criminal cases.

The <u>Ohio Revised Code 2953.36</u> lists charges that cannot be sealed, such as rape and murder. OVI (Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated) and traffic convictions are also not eligible.

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On-site services include:

- a resource fair, which includes employers, social service agencies, and more.
- assistance from Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, Municipal Clerk's Office, and others.
- language assistance for non-English speakers.

Additional Assistance:

Year-round assistance is available at the Court's Self-Help Center (16th floor, Municipal Courthouse, 375 S. High St.) for walk-in appointments between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The clinic is sponsored by the Franklin County Municipal Court's Self-Help Center, the Legal Aid Society of Central Ohio, Ohio Means Jobs, the Columbus Urban League, the City of Columbus, and the Justice Bus.

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