Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I already went through the IDEMIA fingerprint process with a previous employer. Do I need to go through the entire process again to get my records?

A: Yes. You must obtain a separate criminal record report, which will be used solely for expungement purposes.

Q: I have convictions for an indictable offense and three disorderly persons offenses. Can I expunge both?

A: Yes. As long as the indictable offense is not a non-expungeable offense and you have met the required waiting period, both your indictable conviction and disorderly persons convictions are expungeable in the same application.

Q: Will my out-of-state convictions affect whether I am eligible to expunge my record?

A: Yes. Therefore, you must fully disclose your criminal record in the expungement petition, including out-of-state arrests and convictions.

Q: Can I use my petition to expunge a conviction from another state?

A: No. You may only expunge your arrests and convictions in New Jersey. You must consult with an expert in that jurisdiction to determine whether expungement is available in that state.

Q: Years ago, I expunged three disorderly persons offenses from my record. Can I now expunge another disorderly persons conviction?

A: Yes. You are permitted to expunge up to five disorderly persons convictions from your record. You may do this in one or more petitions for expungement, provided you meet all other statutory requirements.

Q: I need to have my petition notarized. What should I do if I can't find a notary public?

A: Ask around. Someone you already know may be a notary public or may know how to locate one. Attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey are also allowed to notarize documents.

Q: What do I tell my employer if they ask me if I have an expunged record?

A: Except for law enforcement, corrections or the judiciary, any expunged information may not be revealed and you have the right to tell your employer that you do not have a record.