# **NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES**

THE MISSION OF NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES IS TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY BY ENSURING FAIRNESS AND PROVIDING EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR LOW-INCOME NEVADANS.



## Who We Are

- NLS is a statewide, nonprofit, public interest law firm funded by grants from the Legal Services Corporation, the Nevada Law Foundation, the Nevada Attorney General's Office and District Court filing fees, among other sources of funding. Equal Language Access.
- Nevada Legal Services provides free legal services to lowincome Nevadans. To be eligible for assistance through Nevada Legal Services you must qualify as low income under the federal government poverty standards or meet our other grant based qualifications.

## Services

We provide a range or services, from telephone advice to representation in court. The level of representation depends on the type of problem, the merits of the case, and staff availability.

We also have a variety of workshops, educational seminars, Law Fairs and Ask A Lawyer events

#### HOUSING AND HOMELESNESS

NLS helps tenants with evictions, lockouts, utility shut-offs, housing discrimination, habitability concerns and issues facing homeless individuals. We also assist tenants who have been denied admission to or terminated from public housing, including the Section 8 voucher program and other federally subsidized housing.

#### CONSUMER/FORECLOSURE

NLS assists rural Nevadans, veterans and seniors with collection defense, garnishment exemptions, fair debt collection and bankruptcy. We also provide assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure by negotiating loan modifications and participating in mediation.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFITS**

NLS assists people with issues relating to Unemployment Benefits, SNAP, County Welfare, TANF, Social Security/SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, and other federal and state assistance programs.





#### RECORD SEALING

NLS assists individuals seal criminal and eviction records in Nevada to help people remove barriers to housing and employment.

#### NAME/GENDER MARKER CHANGES

NLS can also provide assistance if you would like to change your name or gender marker on your birth certificate or other documentation.

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

NLS can help if your child has been denied an IEP.

What We Do

#### **EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION**

NLS also helps individuals file a complaint with the NERC or EEOC if you believe you have been discriminated against at work.

#### **ESTATE PLANNING**

NLS can discuss the various options for estate and end of life planning and may help draft a will or other documents. We do not draft trusts.

#### **FAMILY LAW**

Family law matters are served through our Pro Bono Program. NLS provides Ask A Lawyer events across Nevada for individuals with family law questions to talk to a pro bono attorney. In limited circumstances, we also consider placement of cases with pro bono attorneys.

# Featured Programs

#### **HIV IMPACT GRANT**

We provide legal assistance to individuals living with HIV/AIDS to ensure access to insurance coverage, medical care, medication to promote independent living. We also assist with estate planning, powers of attorney, advanced directives, and other related issues.

#### **INDIAN LAW PROJECT**

NLS represents both qualifying Native American tribes and their members. NLS can assist in cases involving tribal sovereignty and jurisdictional issues. NLS also assists elders with will preparation and represents tribal members in civil and criminal matters in tribal court.

# Featured Programs

#### **VETERANS SERVICES**

A Veterans Advocate assists Veterans obtain VA medical assistance, upgrading discharge status, and with other general issues.

#### PRO BONO PROGRAM

Each office recruits pro bono attorney volunteers to generously donate their time to take qualifying cases case free of charge. For more information about how to apply for a pro bono attorney contact your local Nevada Legal Services office.

### Contact Us

Reno: (775) 284-3491

Las Vegas: (702) 386-0404

Elko: (775) 753-5880

Yerington: (775) 463-1222

Carson City: (775) 883-0404



# THE BASICS OF NEVADA RECORD SEALING

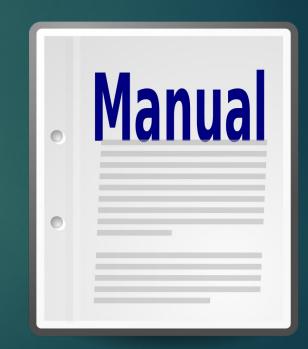


# Why You want to seal your record



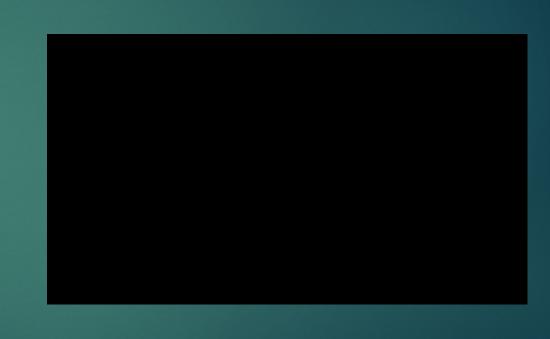
# introduction

- Everything we discuss today is in the Manual
  - ► Pre-registered with Nevada Legal Services? We emailed you a copy.
  - Link to Manual posted in chat window of this meeting
  - ► Also available online at nevadalegalservices.org → Find Legal Help
    → Forms Library & Legal Assistance



# introduction

- ► This presentation is broken down into 5 phases:
  - ▶ Phase 1 Gather Information
  - ▶ Phase 2 Draft Forms
  - ► Phase 3 Pre-Filing Review
  - ▶ Phase 4 File Your Petition
  - ► Phase 5 Notify Agencies of Order to Seal Records



#### CRIMINAL RECORD SEALING MAP

#### START HERE:

Obtain Nevada ID

Obtain CHR by mailing form, fingerprint card and fee to the Dept. of Public Safety

Obtain SCOPE(s) from each arresting police department (not required, but highly recommended)

If applicable, obtain Judgments of Conviction and prison/probation/parole discharge paperwork

> Make a list of charges

Make the appropriate number of copies of each form

#### Fill out Municipal Court Forms

- Petition
- Order to Seal Records
- Declaration
- \*Notice of Entry of Order
- Certificate of Mailing
- Stipulation

#### Fill out District Court/Justice Court Forms

- Petition
- · Order to Seal Records
- Declaration
- Notice of Entry of Order
- Certificate of Mailing

PROCESS KEY:



RECTANGLE: Everyone must complete these steps



OVAL: Complete these steps if you are filing in Municipal Court



HEXAGON: Complete these steps if you are filing in District/Justice Court

Prepare District Court/Justice Court packet for the District Attorney and/or City Attorney

> Mail District Court/Justice Court Packet to the District Attorney and/or City Attorney for review

Either file DA/CA Signed District Court/Justice Court packet with the court clerk, file unsigned packet with the court clerk or make corections and resend packet to DA/CA Receive confirmation letters from agencies

> File your Notice of Entry of Order with the court clerk

Mail Notice of Entry of Order, Certificate of Mailing and other required documents to agencies

> Once you have received the signed Order, complete Notice of Entry of Order and Certificate of Mailing

File Municipal Court Packet with the court clerk

# introduction

- This class will provide you with legal information, <u>not legal</u> advice
- This is the process for Nevada record sealing
  - ► Specifically, Southern Nevada
- This process does not apply to out-of-state records or federal charges
- This process takes 6-9 months
  - ► Most of the time is spent waiting on government agencies to respond

# <u>introduction</u>

- You CANNOT seal the following CONVICTIONS:
  - Crimes Against Children
  - Felony DUIs
  - ► Sexual Offenses
  - ► Home Invasions with a Deadly Weapon

# **ELIGIBILITY**

You must be eligible in order to seal your record, meaning that each conviction/charge must meet the required waiting period. The "clock" begins at the close of your case (last fine, prison release, etc.).

#### Every conviction/charge must be eligible to be sealed.

Conviction	Required Waiting Period
Crimes Against Children, Felony DUIs, Sexual Offenses and	Ineligible
Home Invasions with a Deadly Weapon	
Category A Felony, Crime of Violence (NRS 200.408),	10 years
Burglary (NRS 205.060)	
Category B, C or D Felonies	5 years
Category E Felony	2 years
Enhanceable Misdemeanors (including Non-felony DUI and	7 years
Non-felony battery domestic violence)	
Gross Misdemeanors, Misdemeanor Battery (NRS 200.481),	2 years
Harassment (NRS 200.571), Stalking (NRS 200.575),	
Violation of a Temporary or Extended Order for Protection	
All other misdemeanors and traffic violations	l years
Acquitted/Dismissed charges, If the defendant, while a	No wait
victim of sex trafficking or involuntary servitude,	
perpetrated any crime other than a "crime of violence"	
under NRS 179.24, Decriminalized offenses	
Charges prosecution declined to prosecute	After the Statute of Limitations has run OR
	8 years after the arrest OR if agreed by
	parties

# **ELIGIBILITY**

- ▶ If you are not sure what convictions are on your record, you will find out by referencing the documents obtained in Phase 1.
- ▶ If you are not sure what categories your convictions fall under (Cat. A felony vs. Cat. B felony; gross misdemeanor vs. misdemeanor), you can find out by searching the conviction online, or by referencing the Nevada Legislature website.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

- Even if your convictions are eligible, it is not guaranteed that your record will be sealed.
- ► The Judge will consider the following factors:
  - Are *all* of your convictions eligible to be sealed?
  - How severe was the nature of each offense?
  - Do you have a history of reoffending (repeating crimes)?
  - ▶Do you have any active/open cases or warrants?
  - ▶ Do you have any recent drug or DUI cases?

# Phase 1- gather information

IN THIS PHASE, YOU ARE GOING TO <u>GATHER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION</u>. TO DO THIS, YOU WILL NEED A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION (DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PASSPORT).

- FIRST, YOU NEED TO OBTAIN YOUR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD, OR "CHR"
- SECOND, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU <u>OBTAIN YOUR SCOPES</u> FROM EACH ARRESTING POLICE DEPARTMENT
- THIRD, IF APPLICABLE, YOU WILL OBTAIN OTHER, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- ► The Criminal History Report, or "CHR," is the report of your criminal history in the state of Nevada
- ► The CHR expires after <u>one year</u>
  - ▶ Do not apply for your CHR until you are eligible and ready to begin this process
- To obtain your CHR, you need the "3 Fs"
  - **►**FORM
  - ► FINGERPRINTS
  - ►<u>FEE</u>

#### ► FORM:

- ▶DPS-006 (in Manual and available online)
- On top half, write your name, address, phone number, email, date of birth and sign
- On bottom half, where it says "Respond to," write your name & the address where you want your CHR sent to
- ► Additional copies of your CHR are free
  - ➤ Write at the bottom of the form "Please provide 2 copies of my CHR."



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#### IDENTIFICATION FILE REQUEST FOR STATE OF NEVADA RECORDS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY FORM (DPS-006)

I hereby authorize the State of Nevada Criminal History Repository to disclose criminal history record information, if any, within my identification file to me or the person or entity indicated below:

Please indicate the full name, address and contact information of the individual to be searched below (to be completed by the subject of the record).

#### All information required unless otherwise stated. Type or Print legibly – unreadable documents may be returned.

First Name:	Middle Name:	J
Last Name:		
Mailing Addres	95:	
	Street Address	
	City, State and Zip Code	
Contact Phone:	: Contact Email:	
		1
Signature of Subject of	Record Search Date of Birth	_
Date Signed		
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Respond to:		
Mailing Addres	ss:	
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	City, State and Zip Code	1
Please indicate	reason for request	
To obtain a duplicate r	response, the request must be within 90 days from the original date processed.	
	form is intended to safeguard the rights of the signatory and ensure the confidentiality of	

The use of this form is intended to safeguard the rights of the signatory and ensure the confidentiality of the requested information against non-authorized disclosure. The fingerprint card accompanying this request will be used to verify identity. A \$23.50 certified check or money order made payable to the Department of Public Safety must accompany each request.

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- ► <u>FINGERPRINTS</u>:
  - ► You need to get your fingerprints taken
  - The Department of Public Safety accepts only ORIGINAL FD-258 fingerprint cards
    - ▶No copies!
  - Fingerprint card <u>cannot</u> be more than one year old
  - Fingerprinting locations and prices are listed in the Manual



- ► FEE
  - ►Cost: \$27.00
    - ► Cannot be waived
  - Must be in the form of a money order or certified check
    - ► Must be made



- ► Staple together:
  - Form
  - ▶ Fingerprint Card
  - Fee
- ▶ Place all 3 items in envelope with postage
- ► Mail to Department of Public Safety (address in the Manual)
- ➤ You will receive your CHR within 6-8 weeks



# Step 2: obtain SCOPE (Recommended)

- Not required, but strongly recommended
- ► You will need to obtain a SCOPE from each police department that arrested you
- You can request it in person or online/by mail
- ► Police department locations and SCOPE prices are in the Manual
  - ► Approximately \$10.00 per SCOPE

# Step 3: obtain SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- ▶ IF YOU HAVE GROSS MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY CONVICTIONS
  - ▶ You need to obtain the Judgments of Conviction (JOC)
  - ▶ You can obtain your JOCs in-person at the District Court Clerk's Office
- ► <u>IF YOU WERE ON PAROLE OR PROBATION</u>
  - ► You need to obtain your parole/probation discharge paperwork
  - ► Mail, fax or email a written request
- ► <u>IF YOU FINISHED YOUR SENTENCE IN PRISON</u>
  - You need to obtain your prison discharge paperwork
  - ► Mail or fax written request

# End of phase 1



#### WE LEARNED HOW TO:

- 1. OBTAIN CHR (FORM, FINGERPRINT, FEE) FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- 2. OBTAIN SCOPE(S) FROM EACH ARRESTING POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 3. IF APPLICABLE, OBTAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
  - 1. Judgments of Conviction for gross misdemeanor or felony convictions
  - 2. Parole/probation/prison discharge paperwork

# Phase 2- DRAFT FORMS

IN THIS PHASE, YOU WILL ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION FROM YOUR CHR, SCOPE(S) AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INTO LISTS AND DRAFT YOUR FORMS.

# Step 4: MAKE LISTS OF YOUR CHARGES

- ► Using the information on your CHR, SCOPE(s) and supporting documentation, make a list of every charge and conviction on a blank paper or in an Excel spreadsheet
- ▶ Be sure that your list includes the following information:
  - ▶ Date of arrest
  - ► Arresting agency
  - ► Original charge
  - ► Court case number
  - ► Final disposition (found guilty, dismissed, pled to lesser charge, etc.)

# Step 4: MAKE LISTS OF YOUR CHARGES

#### EXAMPLE:

1) Arrest Date: 6/23/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Grand Larceny Case Number: 04MXX47X

Final Disposition: Guilty of Petit Larceny

2) Arrest Date: 5/15/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Failure to Yield Stop Case Number: 12XXXXX2929292

Final Disposition: Guilty of Parking Violation

3) Arrest Date: 5/2/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Trespassing Case Number: 04MXX37X Final Disposition: Dismissed

4) Arrest Date: 2/4/2002

Arresting Agency: Nevada Highway Patrol

Original Charge: DUI Case Number: 03MXX20X

Final Disposition: Prosecution Declined

5) Arrest Date: 4/3/2000

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Poss Cont Sub For Sale

Case Number: 04FXX09X Final Disposition: Guilty

You *should* find all of this information on your CHR, SCOPE(s) and supporting documentation; however, if some information is missing, you may need to search your name on the court websites.

# Step 4: MAKE LISTS OF YOUR CHARGES

▶ Once your have completed your list, separate your charges and convictions into your final list(s), separated by court.

#### **EXAMPLE:**

#### **→** DISTRICT COURT LIST

1) Arrest Date: 6/23/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Grand Larceny Case Number: 04MXX47X

Final Disposition: Guilty of Petit Larceny

2) Arrest Date: 5/2/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Trespassing Case Number: 04MXX37X Final Disposition: Dismissed

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Arresting Agency: Nevada Highway Patrol

Original Charge: DUI Case Number: 03MXX20X

Final Disposition: Prosecution Declined

4) Arrest Date: 4/3/2000

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Poss Cont Sub For Sale

Case Number: 04FXX09X Final Disposition: Guilty

#### → MUNICIPAL COURT LIST

1) Arrest Date: 5/15/2004

Arresting Agency: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Original Charge: Failure to Yield Stop Case Number: 12XXXXX2929292

Final Disposition: Guilty of Parking Violation

# Step 5: draft your forms

- Once your have completed your final list(s), you will need to draft your forms.
- To generate your forms, visit nevadalegalservices.org, click "Find Legal Help," click "Forms Library & Legal Assistance"

#### ▶ Select the court that you will file in

#### **Criminal Record Sealing Forms**

- Sample Record Sealing Pleadings Northern Nevada
- Sample Record Sealing Pleadings With Instructions

Interactive Record Sealing Forms - Southern Nevada (clicking on the links below will take you to our partner website called LawHelp Interactive):

- Eighth Judicial District Court Record Sealing Packet
- Henderson Justice Court Record Sealing Packet
- Henderson Municipal Court Record Sealing Packet
- Las Vegas Justice Court Record Sealing Packet
- Las Vegas Municipal Court Record Sealing Packet
- North Las Vegas Justice Court Record Sealing Packet
- North Las Vegas Municipal Court Record Sealing Packet

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- ► If you have **ONLY** charges in one Justice Court, select that Justice Court Packet
- If you have **ONLY** charges in one <u>Municipal</u> Court, select that Municipal Court Packet
- If you have **ONLY** charges in <u>District Court</u>, you will select the District Court Packet

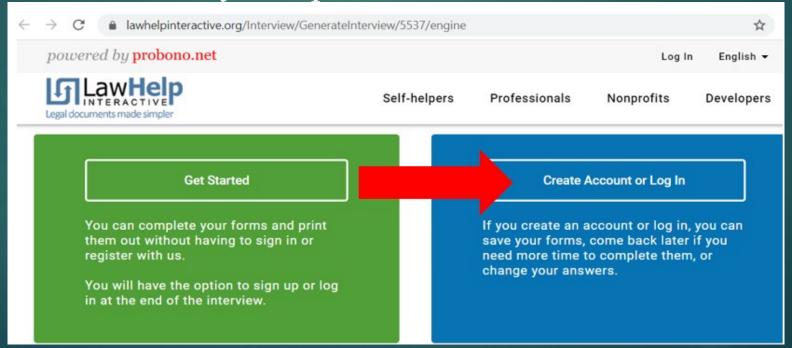
- ► If you have a **COMBINATION** of **District Court** charges and **Justice Court/Municipal Court** charges, it is recommended that you:
  - ► Complete the District Court Record Sealing Packet for all charges and file in District Court
- ▶ If you have a **COMBINATION** of Justice Court charges and Municipal Court charges, it is recommended that you:
  - ► Complete a packet for each Justice Court and/or each Municipal Court & file separately

If you have <u>another COMBINATION of courts</u>, it may be easier to draft a District Court Record Sealing Packet and file in District Court; however, that may be more expensive than filing in each court, separately.

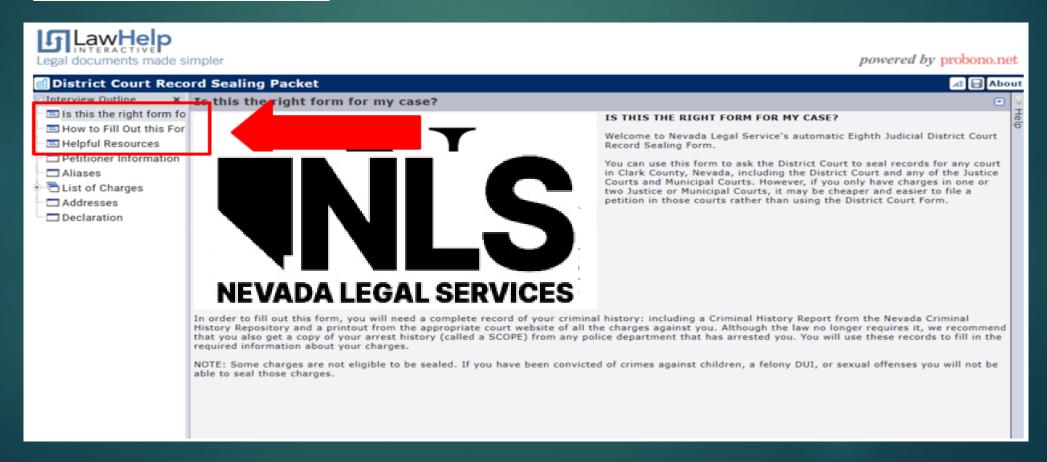
Before making this determination, be sure to calculate the filing fees associated with each court and then compare it to the District Court filing fee.

We will discuss filing fees in Phase 4.

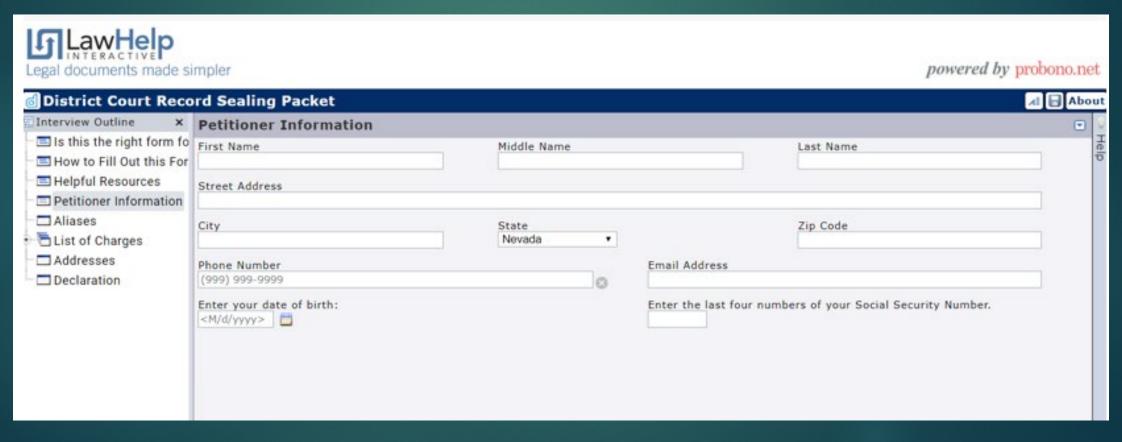
▶ Once you determine what court to file in, you need to create a free account. By creating an account, you will be able to access your forms from any computer.



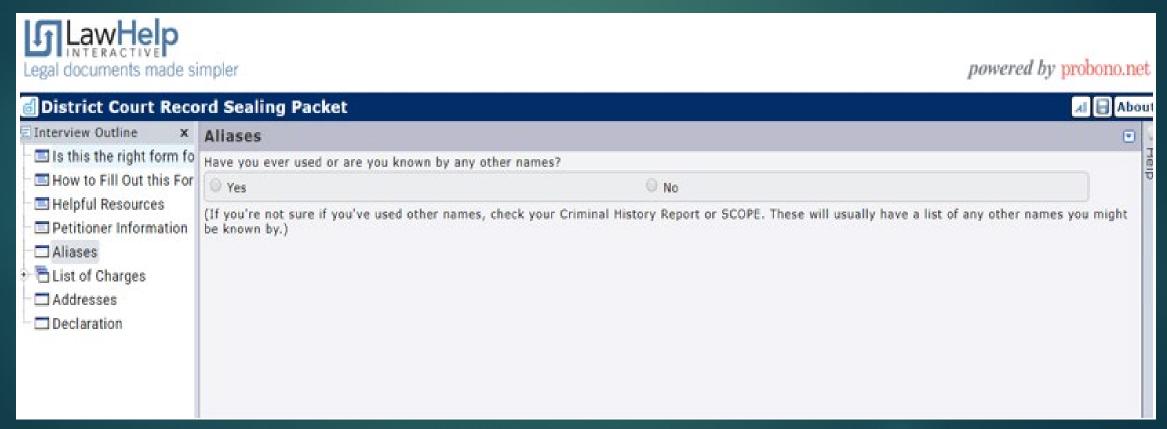
#### A. Review Instructions



#### B. Complete Petitioner Information



#### C. Include Aliases (found on top of CHR/SCOPE)



#### D. Input All Charges



#### E. Complete Addresses Section



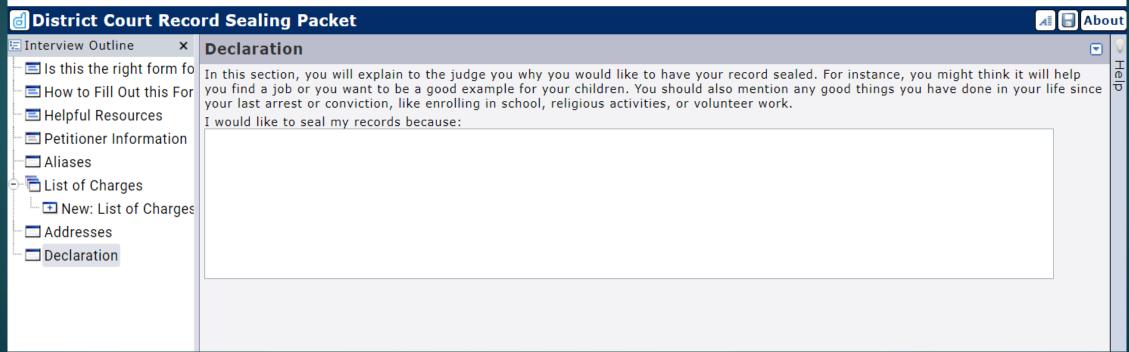
#### F. Type Declaration

- This is your chance to tell the judge why you want your record sealed.
- While you may want to discuss the underlying facts of your charge(s), it is recommended that **you don't**.
- The judge is more concerned with how you have changed as a person and/or what challenges you are facing as a result of your criminal record (i.e., housing issues, employment issues)

#### F. Type Declaration



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#### G. SAVE ANSWERS!!



My Answers

Account Information

Find Forms

You have answered all the questions for:

#### **District Court Record Sealing Packet**

What would you like to do now? Use the buttons below.

Important! Your answers have not been saved. If you want to save your answers, please follow the steps below.









#### Quick Tips

Logged-in users can save their answers.

Download a form without having to re-take the interview by simply clicking the 'Download' icon next to the form you want on the 'My Answers' page.

Clear Data

#### H. Download and Review Forms



My An

You have answered all the questions for:

#### District Court Record Sealing Packet

What would you like to do now? Use the buttons below.

Important! Your answers have not been saved. If you want to save your answers, please follow the steps below.







Once you click "Download your Forms," a Word Document will appear, consisting of the following:

- 1. Petition to Seal Records
- 2. Order to Seal Records
- 3. Declaration
- 4. Certificate of Mailing
- 5. Notice of Entry of Order
- 6. Stipulation (only if Municipal Court charges)

Then, you will need to review/prepare your forms by following the instructions in the Manual.

If you have obtained your CHR, SCOPE and supporting documents and would like further assistance, call 702-386-0404 to find out if you qualify for free legal assistance with Nevada Legal Services.



## End of phase 2



#### WE LEARNED HOW TO:

- 1. DRAFT YOUR LIST(S)
- 2. DRAFT YOUR FORMS

## Phase 3- pre-filing review

IN THIS PHASE, YOU WILL PREPARE YOUR PACKET OF FORMS AND THEN SUBMIT IT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND/OR CITY ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW.

### Step 6: SIGN Forms and make copies

- ▶ Sign the Petition, Order and Declaration in blue ink (put the Notice of Entry of Order and Certificate of Mailing away until Phase 5)
- ► Make 2 copies of each form:
  - **▶**Petition
  - Order
  - **▶** Declaration
  - ► Stipulation (if applicable)
- ► Make 2 copies of CHR
- ► Make 2 copies of supporting documents (JOCs, probation/parole/prison discharge paperwork)

#### Step 7: prepare packet contents

After you make copies of your documents, you need to separate them into 3 piles. Paperclip each pile.

ORIGINALS PILE	COPIES PILE	YOUR PILE
Original Petition	Copy of Petition	Copy of Petition
<ul> <li>Original Order</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of Order</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of Order</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Original Declaration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of Declaration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of Declaration</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>*Original Stipulation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Copy of Stipulation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Copy of Stipulation</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Copy of CHR</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of CHR</li> </ul>	Original CHR
<ul> <li>Copy of Supporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Copy of Supporting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Original Supporting</li> </ul>
Documents	Documents	Documents

### Step 8: prepare and mail packet

- ▶ If you are filing a District Court Packet or Justice Court Packet with **ONLY** District Court and/or Justice Court charges
- ▶ Buy (2) 10x14 envelopes and buy \$2.00 in postage for each envelope
  - ► Address one envelope to the District Attorney
  - ► Address the other envelope to yourself
- ► Put the <u>self-addressed envelope</u>, the <u>originals pile</u> and the <u>copies pile</u> in the envelope addressed to the District Attorney
  - ► Mail or hand deliver your packet

## Step 8: prepare and mail packet

- ► If you are filing a <u>District Court Packet</u> <u>WITH Municipal</u> <u>Court charges:</u>
- ▶ Buy (2) 10x14 envelopes and buy \$2.00 in postage for each envelope
  - ► Address one envelope to the City Attorney
  - ► Address the other envelope to yourself
- ▶ Put the <u>self-addressed envelope</u> and the <u>originals pile</u> in the envelope addressed to the City Attorney
  - ► Mail or hand deliver packet
- ► Once City Attorney returns your documents, repeat process by sending paperwork to District Attorney

### Step 8: prepare and mail packet

- ▶If you are filing a Municipal Court packet, you do not need to send your documents to the City Attorney for review. Rather, you will be directly filing your documents with the Court.
- Proceed to Step 11.

- If you sent your documents to the DA's Office, they will take 10-12 weeks to process your paperwork
  - The DA will either:
    - ► Sign your paperwork OR
    - Not sign your paperwork because corrections are necessary OR
    - Not sign your paperwork because they oppose you sealing your record

If the DA signed your paperwork, proceed to Step 10



- If the DA <u>did not sign</u> your paperwork because <u>corrections</u> are necessary:
  - The DA will include a letter informing you of what corrections are necessary
  - Fix the issues identified in the DA's letter
  - ▶ Prepare packet according to Step 6 and Step 7
  - ► Place DA's letter on top of packet and resubmit packet to DA's Office
  - ▶ Resubmission will take another 6-8 weeks

- If the DA did not sign your paperwork because they oppose you sealing your record:
  - ▶ Proceed to Step 10
  - While it is beneficial to have the DA's signature on your paperwork, it is not required.
  - The Judge makes the final decision, not the DA.



## End of phase 3



#### WE LEARNED HOW TO:

- 1. PREPARE PACKET
- 2. MAIL PACKET TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND/OR CITY ATTORNEY

## Phase 4- filing your petition

IN THIS PHASE, YOU WILL BE VISITING THE COURT CLERK AND FILING DOCUMENTS.

# Step 10: file packet in justice court or district court

- ► Filing Fees:
  - District Court: \$270.00
  - ► Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson Justice Courts: \$74.00
- ▶ It is possible to have your filing fees waived if you meet certain poverty guidelines
  - ► Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (fee waiver)
    - ►<u>If granted</u> → you can file your paperwork without paying the filing fee
    - ► If denied → 2 days to pay filing fee or court clerk will mail back your documents

# FEE WAIVER EXAMPLE

JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP Clark County, Nevada	Case No.		
Nome of Plaintiff(s)/Landford/Owner  VERSUS	APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS		
Name of Defondant(s)/Torant(s)/Unauthorized Occupant(s)			
(Applicant's Name)	(Applicant's Phone Number)		
(Applicant's Street Address)	(Applicant's Email)		
(Applicant's City, State, and Zip Code)			
65.040 and NRS 12.015, to proceed without	or defending this action. I am requesting, pursuant to NRS paying costs or fees, based on the following:  nce for public housing.		
Including myself, there are	adults and children in my household.		
unemployment compensation, worke or Domestic Partner's income, any ot \$	after taxes, (include income from employment, rs' compensation, child support, Social Security, Spouse and/ her household money contributions, etc) is as follows: halty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the		
ignature:			
Name:			
Date	R COURT USE ONLY		
	Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis		
	oceed in Forma Pauperis above, and good cause appearing		
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the	Application is GRANTED. The applicant shall be permitted to		
proceed with Fees and Costs waived in this a	action as permitted by NRS 12.015.		
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the a	pplication is DENIED for the following reasons:		
The applicant is not indigent wi	ithin the meaning of NRS 12.015.		
Date	Justice of the Peace		

# Step 10: file packet in justice court or district court

- ► File with the Court Clerk:
  - Civil Cover Sheet
  - ▶ Original Order
  - ▶3-5 Copies of Order
  - ► Original Petition
  - ▶ Original Declaration
  - **▶**CHR
  - ► Supporting Documents
  - ▶ Filing fee or Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (fee waiver)
  - ▶ Payment for certified copies (see next slide)

# Step 10: file packet in justice court or district court

- You will need certified copies of the signed Order for Phase 5
- It is best to request these certified copies at the time you file your documents
- It is recommended that you request 4 certified copies of the Order (approximately \$12.00)

#### DISTRICT COURT CIVIL COVER SHEET

County, Nevada

Case No.

(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

Date

	(Assigned by Clerk's C	Office)				
. Party Information (provide both ho	ome and mailing addresses if different)					
		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone):		Enter	your name,	
				addres	s and phone	
					nber here	
				Hull	noer nere	
Attorney (name/address/phone):		Attorney	(name/address/phone):			
I. Nature of Controversy (please s	select the one most applicable filing type b	relow)				
Civil Case Filing Types						
Real Property			Torts			
Landlord/Tenant	Negligence		Other Torts			
Unlawful Detainer	Auto		Product Liability			
Other Landlord/Tenant	Premises Liability		Intentional Misconduct			
Title to Property	Other Negligence		Employment Tort			
Judicial Foreclosure	Malpractice		Insurance Tort			
Other Title to Property	Medical/Dental		Other Tort			
Other Real Property	Legal					
Condemnation/Eminent Domain	Accounting					
Other Real Property	Other Malpractice					
Probate	Construction Defect & Contra	ict	Judicial Review/Appeal			
Probate (select case type and estate value)	Construction Defect		Judicial Review			
Summary Administration	Chapter 40		Foreclosure Mediation Case			
General Administration	Other Construction Defect		Petition to Seal Records			
Special Administration	Contract Case		Mental Competency		Select Petition to	g and
Set Aside	Uniform Commercial Code		Nevada State Agency Appeal			sear
Trust/Conservatorship	Building and Construction		Department of Motor Vehicle		Records	
Other Probate  Estate Value	Insurance Carrier  Commercial Instrument		Worker's Compensation			
Over \$200,000	Collection of Accounts		Other Nevada State Agency Appeal Other			
Between \$100,000 and \$200,000	Employment Contract		Appeal Other Appeal from Lower Court			
Under \$100,000 or Unknown	Other Contract		Other Judicial Review/Appeal			
Under \$2,500	Caler Contract		Louis Judicial Review/Appeal			
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	ii writ					
Civil Writ Writ of Habeas Corpus	Writ of Prohibition		Other Civil Filing			
Writ of Mandamus	Other Civil Writ		Compromise of Minor's Claim Foreign Judgment		/	
Writ of Quo Warrant	Galer Civil Will		Other Civil Matters		Sign and	date
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Business Court filings should be filed using the Business Court civil coversheet.						

Signature of initiating party or representative

#### Step 11: file packet in municipal court

- ▶ File with the Court Clerk:
  - ► Civil Cover Sheet
  - ▶ Original Petition
    - ▶ Plus 1 copy
  - ▶ Original Order
    - ▶ Plus 3 copies
  - ▶ Original Declaration
  - ▶ Original Stipulation
  - ► Copy of CHR
  - Filing fee (approximately \$71) or Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis (fee waiver)
  - ▶ Payment for certified copies



Enter your name, address and phone number here

#### JUSTICE / MUNICIPAL CIVIL COURT COVER SHEET

Court

. Party Information gravite took	home and mailing odds				
flaintiff(s) (name/address/plione):		Defendant(s) (name/ad	dress/phone):		
Attorney (name/address/phone):		Attorney (name/address/phone):			
II. Nature of Controversy (please	e select the one most app	elicable filing type kelose)			
Real Property	T	orts	Protection Orders		
Real Property  Landlord Tenant (Summary Eviction)  Unlawful Detainer Complaint (Writs of Restitution)  Other Real Property	Negligence Auto Premises Liability Other Negligence Other Torts Intentional Misconduct Other Torts		Protection Order  Request for Domestic Violence Protective Order  Request for Protection Order (Non-Domestic Violence) Sexual Assault Related Protection Order-Extension Request for Extended Domestic		
Contract Case  Seller Plaintiff (Debt Collection)  Credit Card Collection  Paydry Loan Collection  Debt Collection Agency  Other Debt Collection  Other Contract Case  Contract Buyer Plaintiff  Other Contract Case	Other Civil Filings Other Civil Filing Contested Liens Case District Court Order to Seal Records Other Civil Matters		Violence Protective Order Request for Extended Protective Order (Non-Domestic Violence)		
Date	Signature of	f initiating party or repre	sentative		

Sign and date

Select "Other Civil Matters"

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### Step 12: WAIT TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGNED ORDER TO SEAL RECORDS

- Some Judges may schedule a hearing before signing your Order.
- The Judge may have hearings for every record sealing case, or the Judge may have concerns about sealing your record.
- If a hearing is scheduled, feel free to contact Nevada Legal Services.

### Step 12: WAIT TO RECEIVE YOUR SIGNED ORDER TO SEAL RECORDS

Most of the time, there is no hearing and copies of your file-stamped, signed Order to Seal Records will be mailed to you.



#### End of phase 4



#### WE LEARNED HOW TO:

- 1. FILE PACKET IN DISTRICT COURT/JUSTICE COURT
- 2. FILE PACKET IN MUNICIPAL COURT

# Phase 5- notifying agencies of order to seal records

IN THIS PHASE, YOU WILL PREPARE TWO MORE FORMS, MAIL THE SIGNED ORDER TO SEAL RECORDS TO VARIOUS PLACES AND FILE DOCUMENTS WITH THE COURT.

## Step 13: prepare notice of entry of order and certificate of mailing

- Once you receive the signed Order to Seal Records in the mail, you must prepare two more forms
  - Notice of Entry of Order
  - ► Certificate of Mailing
- These are the forms that you generated online in Phase 2, but set aside in Phase 3

11	SCOPE ID#: 1234567		Enter the date the Order	
12	DOB: 1/5/70	DEPT NO:	was filed (look at the file	
13	Last Four of SS#: 1234		stamp on the top right	
14	For an Order to Seal Records		comer of the Order) and	
15	NOTICE OF ENTRY OF	ORDER TO SEAL RECORDS	type/write it here.	
16				
17	YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of July 2013, the above-			
18	entitled Court entered an Order to Seal Records in the above entitled action. A true copy of the			
19	Order to Seal Records is attached hereto.			
20		1 1		
21	DATED this 12 day of 1/arch , 2014.  Submitted by:  Add the date that you are signing			
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23				
24	John Jacob Doc			
	John Jacob Doe / IN PROPER PERSON			
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			Sign	



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#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Enter the date here. This date MUST match date on Notice of Entry of Order. This date MUST BE the date you mail out your documents.

I hereby certify that on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2013, I served a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Entry of Order to Seal Records by placing the same into a sealed envelope, affixing first class postage thereto, and depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:

Clerk of Court Justice Court, Las Vegas Township 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155

District Attorney's Office Regional Justice Center 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155

Records Division
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Department of Public Safety Records and Technology Division 333 West Nye Lane, Ste. 100 Carson City, NV 89706 must notify will appear here.
Lawhelpinteractive.org
generated this list for you in
Phase 2.

A list of all the agencies you

Nevada Department of Parole and Probation Records 215 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, NV 89101

Sign your name here

Petitioner Signature IN PROPER PERSON

1	CENTURICATE	OF MARLING	
	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
2 3 4 5	I hereby certify that on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of August, 2013, I served a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Entry of Order to Seal Records by placing the same into a sealed envelope, affixing first class postage thereto, and depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, addressed as follows:		
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Justice Court, Las Vegas Township  200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89155  Records Division Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department 400 S. Martin Luther King Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106  Nevada Department of Parole and Probation Records 215 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, NV 89101	strict Attorney's Office gional Justice Center 0 Lewis Avenue s Vegas, NV 89155  partment of Public Safety cords and Technology Division 3 West Nye Lane, Ste. 100 rson City, NV 89706  Env. #2  Env. #3	

#### Step 14: mail your forms to agencies

- ▶ Send to the Court(s), District Attorney, City Attorney:
  - ► A <u>copy</u> of the Notice of Entry of Order to Seal
  - ► The Certificate of Mailing
  - ► CERTIFIED COPIES of the Order to Seal
- ▶ Send to all other agencies:
  - ► A <u>copy</u> of the Notice of Entry of Order to Seal
  - ►The Certificate of Mailing
  - ► COPY of the CERTIFIED COPY of the Order to Seal

## Step 15: file your forms with the clerk of the court

File the Notice of Entry of Order to Seal Records, the Certificate of Mailing, and a copy of the Order to Seal Records with the Court Clerk.

### Step 16: congratulations! Your records have been sealed.

- You will receive confirmation letters from the agencies letting you know that your record has been sealed
  - ► The Courts
  - Police Departments
  - Nevada Department of Public Safety
  - ▶ Other Agencies



### Step 16: congratulations! Your records have been sealed.

- Once your record has been sealed, you may answer any application question regarding previous charges and convictions as if you never had a criminal record.
- However, if an application asks whether you have sealed your record, you must answer YES.



### Step 16: congratulations! Your records have been sealed.

- ► Certain agencies have the ability to see your sealed record under certain circumstances (NRS 179.301)
  - Nevada Gaming Control Board
  - ▶ Division of Insurance of Dept. of Business and Industry
  - ▶ Prosecuting Attorney
  - Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History
  - ► State Board of Pardons Commissioners
  - ► Some professional licensing boards

#### End of phase 5



#### WE LEARNED HOW TO:

- 1. PREPARE THE NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER AND THE CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
- 2. MAIL FORMS TO AGENCIES

#### GAME TIME

https://www.triviamaker.com/gamepreview/game/GD20230420168202245435989-Nevada-Legal-Services-ShannonWest

# Thank you for attending!

#### REMEMBER:

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE AFTER COMPLETING PHASE 1, CALL 702-386-0404 TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE WITH NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES
- PLEASE COMPLETE ATTENDEE FEEDBACK FORM

