



Circuit Court for Carroll County, Maryland

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Carroll County Clerk's Office Expungement Information

EXPUNGEMENT is the removal of records from public inspection.

It references when information about a criminal offense is removed from court and law enforcement records. If the court orders an expungement, the case records are also removed from Maryland Judiciary Case Search and the MDEC (Maryland Electronic Courts) case management system.

Expungement may not remove all available records. For instance:

- Police files may hold information about arrests that did not lead to criminal charges being filed.
- Motor Vehicle Administration files may hold traffic-related criminal records.
- Private background check companies may have copies of some court records

If you would like information on Maryland Case Search, please visit the following link: <https://mdcourts.gov/casesearch2/faq>

For information on **adult criminal expungements**, please visit the following links:

- <https://mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/expungement>
- <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/import/accesstojustice/pdfs/04redexpungementbrochure2015.pdf>
- <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/import/courtforms/joint/ccdccr072br.pdf>

For information on **juvenile criminal expungements**, please visit the following links:

- <https://mdcourts.gov/family/juvrecordexpungement>
- <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/import/mdatjc/pdfs/05grayjuvenileexpungement.pdf>
- <https://www.peoples-law.org/juvenile-record-expungement-checklist>

For a **Self-Help Video** on Expungements in the state of Maryland, please visit the following link: [Expungement - A 6-Part Series \(video\)](#)

If qualified, a defendant may apply for an expungement of his / her record.

Information to file for an expungement in Carroll County is on the following page.

Filing for an Expungement in Carroll County

There is **NO filing fee** for expungement of records when there was a disposition of an acquittal, dismissal, not guilty, stet, or nolle prosequi. The Maryland court form for this type of expungement can be found at the link below:

<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/joint/ccdccr072A.pdf/ccdccr072A.pdf>

There is a **\$30 filing fee** for expunging an eligible guilty disposition for an adult. The fee is per expungement case and is non-refundable even if the expungement is denied. The Maryland court form for this type of expungement can be found at the link below:

<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/joint/ccdccr072B.pdf/ccdccr072B.pdf>

There is **NO filing fee** for a juvenile expungement case. The Maryland Court form for a juvenile expungement can be found at the link below:

<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/circuit/juv11601.pdf/juv11601.pdf>

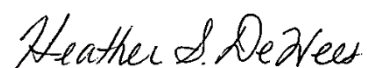
Expungement filings for Carroll County Circuit Court can be mailed to:

Heather S. DeWees, Clerk
Clerk's Office / Judicial Department
Carroll County Circuit Court
55 North Court Street
Westminster, MD 21157

- Please make check or money order payable to: **Heather S. DeWees, Clerk**
- If you cannot afford the fee for a guilty disposition expungement, you may request the court waive the filing fee. The link for the **Fee Waiver Request Form** is below:
<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/joint/ccdc089.pdf/ccdc089.pdf>
- In addition to the expungement form, a **General Waiver & Release Form** must be filed to process an expungement if it is *less than three (3) years* from the time your case was concluded. It releases all persons and agencies from any claims regarding the arrest or detention. The link for this form is below:
<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/court-forms/courtforms/joint/ccdccr078.pdf/ccdccr078.pdf>

If you would like to make an appointment with the Carroll County Circuit Court Clerk's Office regarding your expungement case or if you have questions regarding an expungement case, please call: 410-386-8720.

Thank you,



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