

Wisconsin Record Clearance: Pardons & Expungement Resources



1. Governor Tony Evers – Wisconsin Pardon & Clemency

- **Pardon Process Overview & Application**

Official site explains eligibility, hearing process, and how to apply:

wilawlibrary.gov+12ccresourcecenter.org+12mehloslaw.com+12ccresourcecenter.org+2evers.wi.gov+2evers.wi.gov+2

- **Pardon Application Form (PDF)**

Download and complete the 9-page form; includes instructions for notarization and submission: docs.legis.wisconsin.gov+1ccresourcecenter.org+1

- **Eligibility & Requirements**

Must be 5+ years post-sentence, no pending charges, not on sex-offender registry

Submit Application To:

Office of the Governor

Attn: Pardon Advisory Board

PO Box 7863

Madison, WI 53707

- **Email Questions:** GOVPardons@wisconsin.gov



2. Wisconsin Expungement Tools & Clinics

- **Adult Expungement Lawyer Clinics (Urban League of Greater Madison)**

Free legal review and help with expungement paperwork:

evers.wi.govcjei.cornell.edu+14liftwisconsin.org+14evers.wi.gov+14ulgmm.org+1liftwisconsin.org+1

- **Dane County Free Clinic (Legal Aid/County)**
Register for free evaluations and assistance: [danecounty.gov+1mehloslaw.com+1](#)
 - **Wisconsin Statutes & Judicial Expungement**
Details on eligibility (youthful offender, misdemeanor/felony criteria):
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3. Legal Guides & Support

- **Wisconsin State Law Library — Pardons & Expungement**
Offers forms, expungement resources, and state law guides:
[content.govdelivery.com+15wilawlibrary.gov+15ccresourcecenter.org+15](#)
 - **WisBar InsideTrack — Expungement Resource**
Lawyer-written overview with forms and eligibility criteria:
[mehloslaw.com+5wisbar.org+5wilawlibrary.gov+5](#)
 - **Cornell CJEI — State Record Relief Overview**
Clarifies difference between sealing court records and state dossiers:
[mehloslaw.com+2cjei.cornell.edu+2ccresourcecenter.org+2](#)
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4. Pardon Process Timeline & Tips

- **Review Time:** Typically 18+ months from submission to hearing; expedited review for nonviolent felonies: [evers.wi.gov+1milwaukeeenns.org+1](#)
 - **Governor's Record:** Over 1,400 pardons granted so far under Wisconsin's clemency program: [content.govdelivery.com+1content.govdelivery.com+1](#)
 - **Advice from Legal Experts:**
 1. Be patient
 2. Be completely honest
 3. Don't get discouraged — success is possible [mehloslaw.commilwaukeeenns.org](#)
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Quick-Access Resource List

Resource	Description
Pardon Info & Form	Governor Evers' clemency site & PDF
Urban League Clinics	Free expungement & record relief help
Dane County Clinic	Local legal review sessions
Law Library & WisBar Guides	Legal info, forms, statutes
Cornell Restoration Overview	Compare sealing vs. pardons

Next Steps

1. Pardon Route:

- Download and complete the **Governor's pardon application**.
- Gather certified documents, letters of recommendation, notarize, then mail to Madison.
- Track status and prepare for a hearing.

2. Expungement or Record Review:

- Attend **Urban League or Dane County** legal clinics for hands-on help.
- Learn if eligible for sealing misdemeanor or juvenile records; file required petitions.

3. Legal Support:

- Consult with attorneys experienced in expungement or clemency—many offer free consultations or sliding-scale fees.

4. Document Everything:

- Keep copies of all filings, communications, and hearing notices.
- Submit clerks' and DA notifications as required.