A new expungement law took effect in Iowa on July 1, 2019. This law is in addition to existing expungement laws for PAULA, public intoxication, dismissed charges, and successful completion of deferred judgment probation. An expungement in Iowa does not erase your criminal history but does seal the court file. It may still be visible to employers and grad schools, and the law does not prohibit third parties from publishing criminal records.

The requirements for the new law are as follows:

- Applies to misdemeanors only and there are many exceptions.
- More than 8 years have passed since conviction
- Defendant has no pending criminal charges
- Defendant has paid all financial obligations in the case
- Defendant has not previously received two deferred judgments
- A defendant is only allowed one expungement under this new rule in their lifetime, but one request can cover multiple convictions if they arose from the same transaction or occurrence.

Convictions for OWI, Interference with Official Acts, and Providing False Identification Information are not eligible for expungement under this law. A full list of exceptions is available on the SLS website.

If you have questions about the new law, and are a University of Iowa student, please call the office to schedule a time to speak to an attorney.
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- Small Claims
- Criminal Law
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