COURT LANGUAGE

Seal a Record: "To remove a record from the main file of similar records and to secure it in a separate file area that contains only sealed records accessible only to the juvenile court. The sealed records can be inspected in extremely limited circumstances."

Sealed records do not appear on any background checks, so employers cannot see sealed records.

Expunge a Record: "To destroy, delete, and erase a record, as appropriate, so that the record is permanently irretrievable. Paper records are destroyed and electronic records are irretrievably deleted and cannot be inspected by anyone."

No one can see expunged records.

*Only aggravated murder, murder, and rape cannot be sealed and expunged. *

This pamphlet is to help you understand your options. It is not intended to advise you about the law as the law can be different in each case.

If you would like to consult an attorney, please call the Medina County Bar Association at (330) 725-9794.



The Honorable Kevin W. Dunn is one of four Common Pleas Court Judges in Medina County. Judge Dunn was appointed in 2013.

The Medina County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all cases involving persons under age 18, including those categorized as unruly, delinquent, abused, neglected or dependent.

In addition to serving as our county's Juvenile Judge, Judge Dunn is the Probate Judge.

KEVIN W. DUNN

MEDINA COUNTY
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT

Medina County Juvenile Court
225 E. Washington St., 4th Floor
Medina, OH 44256

Phone: (330) 725-9709
Fax: (330) 725-9173

Monday—Friday
8:00 AM—4:30 PM

www.MedinaJuvenile.org

HOW CAN I DO THIS?

Fill out the Application to Seal Juvenile Records. If Applicant is under 18, a parent must also sign the application. The application can be found on our website under "Juvenile Forms."

There is no filing fee for the application.

Submit the completed application to:
MEDINA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
225 E. Washington St; 4th Floor
Medina, OH 44256

WHY SHOULD I GET MY RECORD SEALED?

Having a juvenile adjudication can carry collateral consequences such as loss of employment opportunities, difficulty getting into the military, or uncertainty to be licensed by the State of Ohio (as a nurse, teacher, etc.)

HOW CAN YOU EXPUNGE YOUR RECORD?

A juvenile record can only be expunged AFTER it has been sealed. You cannot seal and expunge at the same time.

If the court seals your record, it will be automatically expunged 5 years later, or on your 23rd birthday (whichever is first). Or you can apply to have it expunged sooner.

HOW DOES THE SEALING PROCESS WORK?

