

REENTRY LAW PROJECT

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THE PROJECT

The Reentry Law Project is a new project at the City Bar Justice Center, launched in 2006 to address the alarming effects that arrest, conviction and incarceration have on our community. In New York, there are 200,000 people currently incarcerated, on parole or on probation. Over 100,000 people are released each year from our state prisons and local jails, and two-thirds of them end up rearrested within three years. People with criminal records are often denied fair access to employment and housing opportunities, and are subsequently much more likely to return to crime and become an increasing risk to themselves, their families and the community. By helping to ensure that people with criminal records are best situated to seek employment and housing, the Reentry Law Project helps decrease recidivism and its costs to society and public safety.

WHAT WE DO

The Reentry Law Project provides legal services to persons with criminal records, who are often victims of the hidden and collateral consequences from their encounters with the criminal justice system. Our work currently includes reviewing and correcting clients' rap sheets, as many people are denied employment and housing due to erroneous and incomplete criminal records. We help clients to apply for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities or Certificates of Good Conduct, which lift statutory occupational bars and allow a person to be evaluated individually while provid-

ing additional evidence of rehabilitation. We also represent clients at administrative hearings to challenge denials of public housing based on past convictions. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in all of these areas of the Reentry Law Project's work, and more.

GET INVOLVED!

The Reentry Law Project is presently seeking pro bono volunteers. Reentry advocates will familiarize you with the basics of the criminal justice system and instruct you on reading criminal history data. You will be trained to understand the array of civil barriers and collateral consequences faced by those with criminal records and how to help clients overcome them. The Reentry Law Project coordinates all volunteer efforts and provides thorough direction and support.

CLE credit for pro bono work is available.

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