



Information on Salt Lake County Expungement Navigation Services and Grant Monies to Cover BCI Application and Certificate Fees

What is Salt Lake County's Expungement Navigator?

In 2019, under the leadership of Mayor Jenny Wilson, the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council applied for, and received, a Justice Assistance Grant to provide system navigation assistance to individuals in Salt Lake County seeking to expunge their criminal records.

The Expungement Navigator is a part-time position intended to provide basic system navigation to individuals in Salt Lake County in need of expungement services. The Expungement Navigator can also provide grant funding to cover the cost of non-waivable BCI application and certificate fees for those who qualify.

Who is Salt Lake County's Expungement Navigator?

In 2019, Jake Smith started as Salt Lake County's Expungement Navigator. Jake is a 2018 University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law graduate, who formerly served as the student-director of the law school's Pro Bono Expungement Clinic. Jake works at the Salt Lake County Government Center. He can be reached at 385-468-7033 or JaSmith@slco.org.

What Can the Expungement Navigator Do?

The Expungement Navigator CAN:

- Develop and distribute educational materials that help explain Utah's new Clean Slate law (HB 431)
- Provide basic system navigation for individuals in Salt Lake County in need of expungement services
- Provide general information about possible legal rights, remedies, procedures, options, or strategies

- Provide grant fees for eligible individuals to cover the cost of BCI Application or Certificates of Eligibility (until grant fund is depleted)
- Assist individuals in filling out the BCI expungement application
- Connect individuals to volunteer attorneys to assist with petition paperwork and/or advise on possible legal rights

The Expungement Navigator CANNOT:

- Provide specific legal advice related to an individual's facts or circumstances
- Complete and file expungement paperwork
- Represent clients in legal proceedings

Who is eligible for Salt Lake County's grant monies to cover BCI application and certificate fees?

- Until grant funds are exhausted, anyone in Salt Lake County who contacts the Expungement Navigator and whose income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (e.g., household of one cannot exceed \$2,081.67/mo.)
- Clients of Utah Legal Services
- Individuals being served at any Utah state law school expungement clinic (i.e., University of Utah's S.J. Quinney monthly clinic)
- Drug court graduates
- Individuals participating in a Salt Lake County Expungement Day Events (first one in June 2019)