

Expungement/Pardon Clinic Scope of Service

EXPLANATION OF “PART B” SERVICES

- The purpose of this clinic’s “Part B” Pardon services is to assist with the pardon application process, including drafting documents, explaining next steps, and providing referral information where appropriate. We cannot help you with the pardon application if we determine you are ineligible for a pardon.
- The clinic is staffed by Marquette University law students working with and supervised by volunteer attorneys. The attorneys may provide brief legal advice, but their assistance is limited and does not create an ongoing attorney-client relationship.
- It is usually a good idea to have an attorney represent you, and it may be difficult to proceed without one. We will provide as much assistance as we can today, but you may be more successful if you have an attorney.
- If we are aware of any reasonable available alternatives to our service, we will refer you to them. We recommend that you contact any legal resources to which we refer you.
- Depending on the complexity of your case, we may not have time to complete all parts of the application with you. It is your responsibility to gather all remaining documents and attachments, review everything for completeness/accuracy, submit the completed application, and attend any hearings on your own.
- Due to our currently limited resources, we may not be able to reschedule you if you cancel less than 24 hours before your appointment.
- If a new state governor is elected in November 2022 and that governor does not appoint a Pardon Advisory Board, the ability to issue pardons in Wisconsin will likely be eliminated. In that case, we cannot guarantee what will happen to pending pardon applications that have not yet been granted; only that we will provide you with as much guidance as we can.
- All information discussed will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed without your consent unless we are required by law to do so.