

SEALING OF RECORD AFTER NOT GUILTY FINDING, DISMISSAL, OR NO BILL CHECKLIST

1. Was the client found not guilty at trial or was the case dismissed? If yes, then move on to step 2.
2. Was the client found not guilty of all charges or were all charges dismissed? If yes, then move on to step 4. If not then move on to step 3.
3. Is the client eligible to have the charges you pleaded guilty to or were found guilty of sealed? Look at sealing of record of conviction checklist.
4. Has the entry on the finding of not guilty or the dismissal been filed with the court? If yes, then the client is eligible to have the charges sealed.

The client may, have an unlimited number of charges that they were found not guilty of or that were dismissed sealed. They may have any type of charges that they were found not guilty of or that were dismissed sealed.

The state may object to the sealing of the record. If the state objects the court must weigh the interests of the person in having the official records pertaining to the case sealed against the legitimate needs, if any, of the government to maintain those records.

The Ohio Revised Code does not set forth the fee to file for the sealing of a record after a not guilty finding, dismissal, or no bill. Some clerks charge a fee to file a motion to seal a record after a not guilty finding, dismissal, or no bill. The fee can be waived by the filing of a motion.