



**Judicial Branch of Arizona  
in Maricopa County**

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**Restoring Civil Rights is a Self-Serve Process with Maricopa County  
Superior Court**

*Avoid scams with free do-it-yourself process through the Judicial Branch of Arizona  
in Maricopa County*

PHOENIX (July 30, 2021) – When citizens lose their civil rights due to a criminal conviction, the consequences are significant. They can't vote, serve on a jury, possess a firearm or hold public office. The loss of these civil rights impacts the American way of life. There is a process, however, for people to have those rights restored.

In Fiscal Year 2021, the number of civil rights restoration petitions granted by the Maricopa County Superior Court, part of the Judicial Branch of Arizona, rose to 1,399 from 1,278 the previous year.

“It is essential for people to know that this is a legal process that must be done at the Court. There are no fees to submit an application for restoration of rights, and affected individuals can complete this process on their own using the forms at our Law Library,” said Criminal Department Administrator Nicole Garcia. “You may also wish to consult an attorney for assistance. Avoid scams and never give your personal information to anyone who claims they can complete this process for you. Your civil rights are important – make sure they are restored to you properly.”

In Arizona, those whose civil rights were lost or suspended, or those who seek to have the ability to possess a firearm, must file applications with the Maricopa County Clerk of Superior Court. Forms may be found here: [https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc/crim\\_crrr/](https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc/crim_crrr/)

After the forms are filed, the Court will review the application and send written notice within 120 days. If the Court denies the application, petitioners may file an application for reconsideration.

For more information on how to apply for civil rights restoration, contact the Maricopa County Law Library Resource Center: <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc/contact/>

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