

What's the Difference Between Clean Slate Utah & Rasa?

It can be easy to get our organizations mixed up, as we are both working to help Utahns clear their criminal records and access new opportunities. But there are some important differences between our organizations.



- Advocacy and education non-profit focused on raising awareness of Utah's Clean Slate law and providing support to low-income individuals who are going through the record clearing process themselves.
- Can use Rasa's tool to help people determine if they are eligible for expungement and help cover government fees for individuals who cannot afford to pay them.
- Is NOT a lawyer and does not provide legal advice or services. Instead, it puts on community workshops and events, and provides access to resources for self-represented individuals.

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- Legal tech company that provides low-cost legal services to individuals with criminal records.
- Rasa's team includes lawyers and engineers who have built software to streamline many of the aspects of the expungement process.
- When you hire Rasa to represent you, the Rasa legal team handles your expungement from start to finish in the same way a traditional lawyer would, but for a much lower price.

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Why not just go to Clean Slate Utah and get your record cleared for free? Clean Slate Utah can help a person determine whether they qualify for automatic clearance under Utah's Clean Slate law, and connect individuals to resources that can help them clear their record on their own. Clean Slate Utah is not a law firm, does not have lawyers on staff, and does not provide legal advice or clear a person's record for them.

Doesn't the Clean Slate law clear my record automatically?

After a 5-7 year waiting period, Utah's Clean Slate law provides automatic record clearance to individuals with certain qualifying misdemeanor offenses. When a person has an offense that qualifies for automatic clearance under the new law, they do not need to hire a lawyer to represent them, get on a list, or take any steps in order for their record to be cleared.

Utah's Clean Slate law went into effect on February 10, 2022 and is being implemented on a rolling basis. While the government has started automatically clearing records, it is a slow process. Over 530,000 cases are eligible for automatic clearance. To date, the government has fully cleared approximately 28,000 records.

In addition, Utah's Clean Slate law applies only to certain types of misdemeanors (covers most misdemeanor B and C offenses, and Class A misdemeanor drug possession). Individuals with non-qualifying misdemeanor records or felony records may be eligible for record clearance, but will need to go through the petition-based, or court-based expungement process to obtain relief.

Does Rasa's expungement eligibility tool replace BCI? No. Under state law, the Bureau of Criminal Identification requires a \$65 application fee to start the expungement process and certify that you are eligible for expungement. Rasa's expungement eligibility application is a web-based screening tool that can tell an individual whether their record is likely eligible for record clearance and it is worth it to apply to BCI, wait three months for an answer, and pay the \$65 application fee. Clean Slate Utah can cover the cost of the application fee for those who income qualify.

CLEAN SLATE UTAH	RASA	TRADITIONAL LAWYERS
Non-Profit Organization	Public Benefit Corporation	Usually a Private Corporation, LLP or LLC
Provides resources for people who are trying to expunge their record themselves.	Provides low-cost legal services for individuals who want a lawyer to handle their expungement (cost is \$500 for up to 3 records; \$250 per additional case).	Serves as a person's lawyer and handles expungement from start to finish. Typical cost is \$1,500-\$3,000.
No lawyers on staff; does not offer legal advice or provide legal services.	Law firm with lawyers on staff; specializes in providing low-cost legal advice and expungement legal services to people with records.	Law firm with lawyers on staff; can provide legal advice and services to people with records.
Can use Rasa's web application to help individuals learn whether they are eligible for automatic record clearance and sign up for free alerts from the government if and when their record is automatically cleared.	<p>Developed an eligibility tool to help individuals check their expungement eligibility in under 3 minutes.</p> <p>Provides low-cost legal services for individuals who have higher level misdemeanor or felony records that do not qualify for automatic clearance.</p> <p>Rasa provides an affordable option for people who want a lawyer to handle the court-based expungement process.</p>	Uses traditional processes to check eligibility and represent someone through the court-based expungement process.
Provides resources and workshops to individuals who are expunging their record on their own or need to go through the pardon process (including fingerprinting clinics, pardon workshops, etc.)	<p>Helps clients obtain an offense reduction (\$250 per case).</p> <p>Does not currently offer pardon services.</p>	Provides legal representation to someone in need of a pardon.
Can cover the cost of the government-required expungement fees for those that have an income less than 300% of the federal poverty level.	<p>Gives legal advice to help determine if the government-required BCI application (\$65) is worth the time and money.</p> <p>Does not cover the cost of government fees.</p>	<p>Gives legal advice to help determine if the government-required BCI application (\$65) is worth the time and money.</p> <p>Does not cover the cost of government fees.</p>
Works to raise awareness about Utah's Clean Slate Law; advocates for expungement reform.	Advocates for criminal justice reform and tells the story of people with records.	