

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-11**

Orders to Seal or Expunge for High Volumes of Cases

WHEREAS, upon the granting of a motion to seal, expunge, or set-aside, D.C. Code §16-801 et al., creates an obligation for the court to order agencies to seal, expunge, or set-aside the record;

WHEREAS, upon receipt of an order to seal, expunge, or set-aside cases, agencies must return a certificate that the agency has complied with the order;

WHEREAS, there is a backlog of cases where the court has issued an order, but has not received a certificate back from the agency;

WHEREAS, the Second Chance Amendment Act of 2021, effective date March 1, 2025, created automatic sealing or expungement of cases - that is sealing or expungement without a motion from defense, or review by a Judicial Officer;

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the court will have to issue or re-issue high volumes of orders to seal, expunge, or set-aside;

WHEREAS, this new high volume environment necessitates the creation of processes to facilitate the more effective handling of sealings, expungements, and set-asides;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,

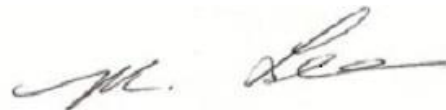
ORDERED, that Judicial Officers will continue issuing orders to seal, expunge or set-aside in cases where judicial review was conducted;

ORDERED, that for the purposes of giving notice to agencies to take appropriate and timely action on cases ordered sealed, expunged or set-aside, reports and lists created by the Criminal Division may serve as a substitute for individual judicial orders.

SO ORDERED

BY THE COURT

Date: May 30, 2025



Milton C. Lee, Jr.
Chief Judge

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