

## **Curriculum Outline: Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record**

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- I. What can be impacted by criminal convictions?
  - a. VA benefits
  - b. Voting
  - c. Public Housing
  - d. Employment
  - e. Licenses
  - f. Public Assistance
  - g. Parenting rights including fostering/adopting
  - h. Driving
  - i. Student loans
  - j. Property forfeitures
  - k. Firearms rights – Gun Control Act of 1968
  - l. Immigration/Deportation
  - m. Family eligibility for public assistance and housing
  - n. Child custody
  - o. Child Support
- II. Intangible Consequences
  - a. Self-esteem
  - b. Extreme shame
  - c. Criminal label
  - d. Stigma
  - e. Mental Health and Traumatic Condition gets worse without treatment and with incarceration
- III. Accessibility of Your Criminal Record
  - a. Depends on state – CA has good restrictions on access
  - b. Effect of “sealing” records
  - c. Effect of “expungement” under Penal Code 1203.4
  - d. Effect of “dismissal” under Penal Code 1170.9
  - e. Pre-plea options
- IV. Useful resources
- V. Questions and Answers with Mentors