

NC Equal Access to Justice COMMISSION

A COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

NORTH CAROLINA FAITH AND JUSTICE ALLIANCE

September 22, 2020
Resource and Survey Updates

- Sign up at ncfaithandjustice.org
- Around 80 names so far, to receive resources and communications
- Currently accepting [survey responses re: legal needs](#)
- Will share upcoming meeting information and materials soon

COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFIT INITIATIVE

**ALSTON
& BIRD**

CADWALADER



MAYER | BROWN

McGUIREWOODS

**NELSON
MULLINS**

**WINSTON
& STRAWN**
LLP

- Organizations with fewer than 25 employees that could use a pro bono legal consultation on issues related to COVID-19 may be eligible for the NC Pro Bono Resource Center's COVID-19 Small Business/Nonprofit Initiative.
- Sign up at ncprobono.org/csbni

REBUILD NC PRO BONO PROJECT

**Need help with your ReBuild NC application?
There may be FREE help available to you!**

If you are applying to ReBuild NC, we may be able to help with:

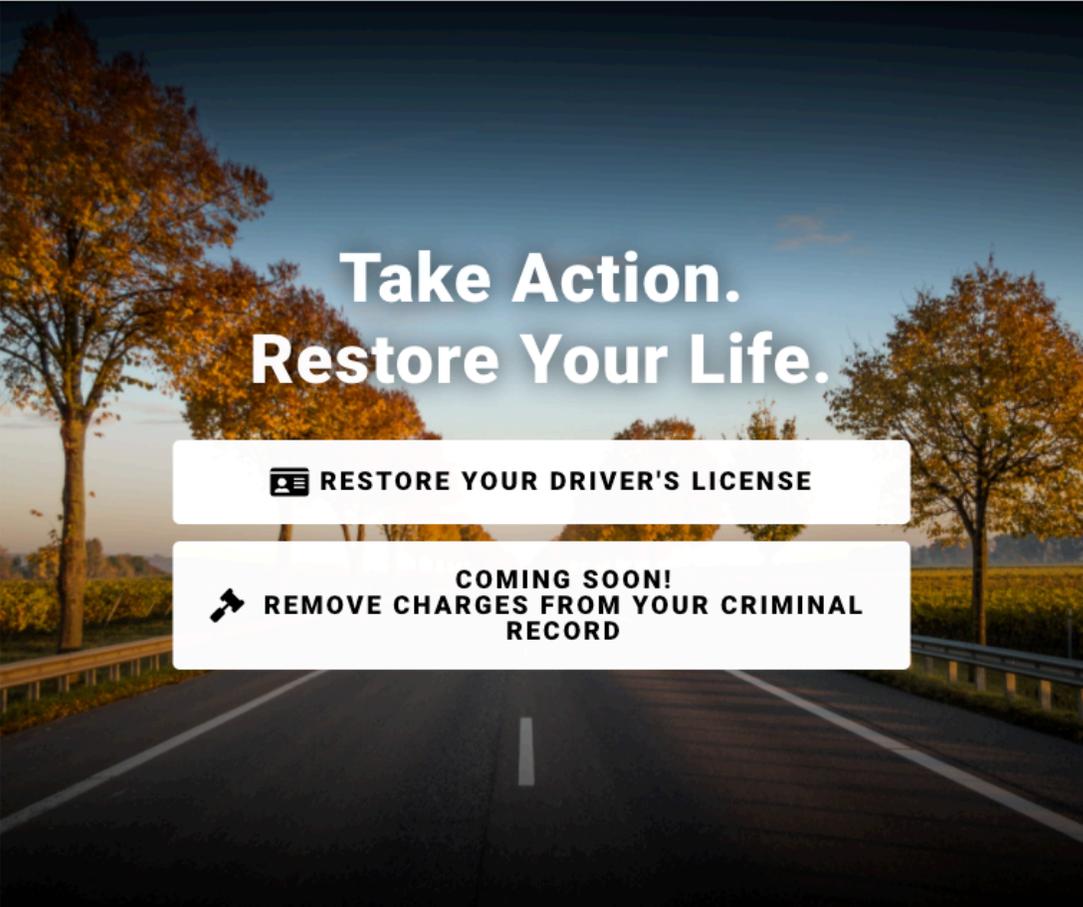
- Filling out and submitting your application
- Online filing if you don't have internet service or email
- Reviewing your application before submitting
- Collecting the documents you need to be sent with an application
- Any deed or title concerns that come up before submitting your application



Call 1-866-219-5262 for assistance

Legal Aid NC and the NC Pro Bono Resource Center are partnering during the month of September to provide assistance with ReBuild NC applications to North Carolinians. We encourage any Hurricane Florence and/or Matthew survivor who needs assistance to call.

- North Carolinians whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Florence or Matthew may be eligible for help from the state through ReBuild NC. The Homeowner Recovery Program helps repair, reconstruct, replace, or elevate a damaged home or reimburse for completed repairs.
- Legal Aid and pro bono attorneys are available to help people prepare ReBuild NC applications – call **1 (866) 219-5262** for assistance.



**Take Action.
Restore Your Life.**

 **RESTORE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE**

 **COMING SOON!
REMOVE CHARGES FROM YOUR CRIMINAL
RECORD**

- Direct people to ncfairchance.org for eligibility and to request an advice letter
- Can request at ncfairchance.org a notification for when county eligibility comes online
 - **Completed Counties:** Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Pender, Pitt
 - **In Progress Counties:** Durham
 - **Expected Counties:** Buncombe, Caswell, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Robeson, Rockingham, Person, Vance, Warren



- For a view of how driver's license suspensions affect low-income people in North Carolina, view "When Debt Takes the Wheel" at ncprobono.org/fairchancestory

- October 8, 1pm-2pm
- Short Presentations
 - Welcome from Chief Justice Beasley
 - Overview of Housing Resources, NC Fair Chance, and eCourts Guide and File
- Panel Q&A
- Preregister for Zoom Webinar Link by October 6th; also live streamed to YouTube

- Survey sent as a follow-up to our June meeting
- Requested information about:
 - Frequency of Legal Needs
 - Availability of Legal Resources
 - NC Faith and Justice Alliance Priorities

SURVEY RESULTS: NEEDS

- More Frequently Needed
 - Family (1.8)
 - Housing (2.2)
 - Health (2.4)
- Less Frequently Needed
 - Disaster Legal Services (3.4)
 - Veterans Legal Services (3.3)
 - Education (3.1)
- Additional Suggestions
 - Expunctions and License Restorations
 - Small Claims
 - Property Issues (land or vehicle)

- More Available
 - Seniors (2.8)
 - Benefits (2.8)
 - Employment (2.8)
- Less Available
 - Disability (3.3)
 - Education (3.4)
 - Disaster Legal Services (3.1)
- Additional Suggestion
 - Resources may be available, but not widely known, particularly among those with low income

SURVEY RESULTS: PRIORITIES

- Higher Priority (separate from pandemic)
 - Free Advice Clinics (1.9)
 - Advice/Counsel Attorney Referral (2.3)
 - Faith Leader Training (2.6)
- Higher Priority (during pandemic)
 - Free Advice Clinics (1.6)
 - Advice/Counsel Attorney Referral (1.8)
 - Faith Leader Training (2.5)

- **Family Legal Services** (such as divorce, child custody, domestic violence, human trafficking, alimony/child support, etc.)
- **Housing Legal Services** (like foreclosure, evictions, property taxes, discrimination, denied housing, or landlord issues)
- **Health Legal Services** (such as Medicaid issues, non-payment of covered expense by insurance, or denied coverage)