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Expungement Day Press Release

TOPEKA, KS – The Topeka Bar Association will host an Expungement Day project in April 2018. The Expungement Day project is a pro bono service project designed to offer individuals the opportunity to have certain qualifying criminal arrests, convictions and diversions expunged through a simplified process. This may assist in removing barriers which prevented employment and housing opportunities. Only adult arrests, convictions and diversions occurring in Shawnee County qualify for this project. Federal and municipal court cases cannot be addressed at this project.

The Expungement Day project is possible through the combined efforts of members of the Topeka Bar Association, Third Judicial District Court, office of Shawnee County District Attorney Mike Kagay, Third Judicial District Public Defender Office, Kansas Legal Services, Washburn Law School and Butler and Associates.

The event to submit expungement petitions to the Court will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. at the Agriculture Hall building located at the Expo Center. Entry is at 17th and S.W. Exoduster Dr.

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Individuals are encouraged to obtain and fill out the necessary forms prior to arriving. The forms can be downloaded from the Shawnee County District Attorney's web site at <http://www.snco.us/da/expungements.asp>. Volunteers will be available to provide limited assistance in completing the expungement application forms.

The cost for filing an expungement is \$195 per case. Poverty and hardship affidavits will be available for those individuals who qualify and cannot pay the required filing fee and surcharge. Please bring legal photo identification for the affidavit of undue hardship. Cash payment will not be accepted. Payment may be made by personal check, money order or cashier's check.

After filing the necessary petition for expungement, every individual will be scheduled for an expungement hearing between 8:30 and 4:30 on June 25 or 26, 2018, for final determination on whether the petition should be granted. Prior to the hearing date, a review will be conducted to determine if there are any outstanding costs owed in the case and if the individual qualifies for an expungement.

Individuals who filed an expungement petition that is not objected to by the Shawnee County District Attorney, will still need to attend the hearing and sign the necessary expungement order. Any expungement petition that is objected to will then proceed to hearing at the scheduled time and date.

The Topeka Bar Association will be holding informational meetings to explain the Expungement Day project on Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 7 p.m. through 8:45 p.m. and on Friday, April 13, 2018 from 3 p.m. through 5 p.m. in Room 101B at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library located at 1515 SW 10th Ave.