



THE WAY TO JUSTICE

Monthly Newsletter

STATE V. BLAKE UPDATE

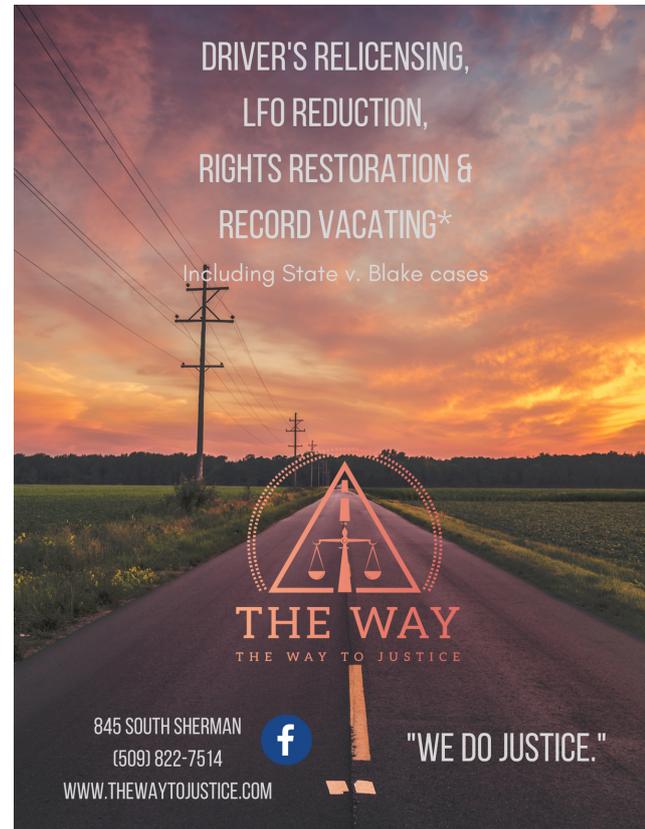
On February 25, 2021, The Washington State Supreme Court handed down its decision in State v. Blake, declaring the former statute for simple drug possession unconstitutional. As a result, every person who has been convicted of simple possession of a controlled substance in the State of Washington, under former RCW 69.50.4013, is eligible to seek relief from the original sentencing court and obtain an order vacating their convictions. The Way to Justice will continue this work in collaboration with other civil legal aid organizations, including the Civil Survival Project, which serves Western Washington. If you have a conviction for Possession of a Controlled substance in Eastern Washington, contact us to see if you qualify for representation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5, 2021: The Way to Justice will be closed in observance of Independence Day

August 21, 2021, 10 am-4 pm: Find our booth at Unity in the Community

Justice Night will return in September. Check our website for updates and upcoming clinics.



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DRIVER'S RELICENSING NEWS

In *Pierce et al. v. Department of Licensing*, a court declared Washington DOL's practice of suspending driver's licenses due to unpaid non-criminal fines and/or FTA's unconstitutional and ordered license reinstatement as of June 16, 2021. It is important to note that this decision does not apply to criminal traffic violations (Driving Without a License 3rd, DUI, or habitual offender suspensions) and that the fines will not go away as a result of this decision. In fact, your wages and/or bank account could be subject to garnishment unless you request a payment plan or offset fines with community service hours.

To determine the status of your license, check the DOL's website:

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/licenseexpress.html>

Contact The Way to Justice for help with reinstating your license and removing fines from collections.



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OUR PROGRAMS:

DRIVER'S RELICENSING
RECORD VACATING*
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RIGHTS RESTORATION
*Including State v. Blake



THE WAY TO JUSTICE YEAR TO DATE SERVICE TOTALS

The Way to Justice opened its doors to the public in February 2021. Over the past four months, we have had the opportunity to serve many eligible clients, resulting in license reinstatement for 120 individuals, 16 Certificates of Discharge, and over 60 Vacated Convictions, including 20 State v. Blake convictions for simple Possession of a Controlled Substance in Eastern Washington.

OUR PROGRAMS

Driver's Relicensing: We can help you qualify for a Driver's License if you have been suspended or revoked.

Post-Conviction Relief: We can help you vacate your convictions, reduce the fines you owe, and restore your rights.

Justice Night: Check our website for upcoming dates.

Racial Justice: All of our work is guided by an unwavering commitment to racial justice and equity.

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