



***ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions***  
**Hearing on Certificates of Rehabilitation**

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*ABA Criminal Justice Section*

People who have committed a crime and served their sentences need to reestablish themselves as law-abiding members of society. Yet, the laws of every state disqualify people with a criminal record from jobs, occupational licenses, housing, and other opportunities and benefits. These collateral consequences of conviction are becoming a matter of increasing national concern as more and more people are affected by them.

The ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions has drafted a proposal recommending that jurisdictions establish a judicial or administrative process by which people with a criminal record can overcome the legal barriers to reentry and establish their rehabilitation for purposes of employment and other appropriate opportunities. (A complete copy of the recommendations may be found on our website at [www.abanet.org/cecs](http://www.abanet.org/cecs).) The Commission, along with its cosponsors, will host a hearing in Brooklyn, NY, on October 13th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm to hear witnesses from New York and other jurisdictions discuss certificates of rehabilitation and other ways of obtaining relief from the collateral consequences of conviction. A working meeting of the Commission will follow, which will also be open to the public.

The hearing will

- Feature New York's certificate program and include program officials, judges, advocates, employers, and recipients of certificates.
- Include officials and advocates from other jurisdictions, including Arizona, Connecticut, and Illinois, who will discuss programs being developed in their states that are similarly designed to overcome the legal barriers to reentry.
- Be open to the public, but those who wish to attend are asked to contact the Commission by October 1 to reserve a place.

***October 13, 2006 Hearing on Certificates of Rehabilitation***  
***New York Supreme Court***  
***Ceremonial Courtroom***  
***320 Jay Street***  
***Brooklyn, NY 11201***  
***8:30 am – 2:30 pm***

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