

# Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction in Georgia

"collateral consequences of criminal conviction are the additional civil state penalties, mandated by statute, that attach to criminal convictions. They are not part of the direct consequence of criminal convictions, such as prison, fines, and probation. They further civil actions by the state that are triggered as a consequence of the convictions."

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collateral\\_consequences\\_of\\_criminal\\_conviction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collateral_consequences_of_criminal_conviction)

## Collateral Consequences of Having a Criminal Record in Georgia

- Difficulty finding a job
- Difficulty finding a house
- Difficulty getting into college
- Ineligibility for federal student loans and other forms of financial aid
- Difficulty obtaining credit or a loan
- Loss of voting rights
- Loss of right to own a firearm

## How Bad are Collateral Consequences in Georgia



- ▶ History and effects of the criminal justice system - particularly in the South
- ▶ Nearly 4 million people in Georgia have a criminal record
- ▶ 1 in 12 are under correctional control
- ▶ Georgia is considered the 2<sup>nd</sup> hardest state in the country for people to access opportunities with a criminal record