

# What's the deal with...

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## JUDICIAL HISTORY?

According to the "Code of Student Conduct," "any student, group, or organization found to have committed misconduct is subject to disciplinary action and to the sanctions outlined in this 'Code'." The "Code" outlines recommended minimum sanctions for each possible violation. These recommendations are considered along with the students' previous history, as well as the nature of the offense and the extent of any damage, injury or harm resulting from it.

### But what does that mean?

The University's rules and policies regarding behavior are in place to uphold the standards of academic and community life at The George Washington University. Sanctions have been established to help students learn from their poor decisions.

### How does that affect life at GW?

**Students who are sanctioned with Disciplinary Probation, Cancellation of Housing License Agreement, Suspension or Expulsion, may be prohibited from participation in University sponsored activities and/or organizations. Additionally, students on Disciplinary Probation or the above may be prohibited from studying abroad. Those applying for leadership positions on campus or to study abroad will be subject to a disciplinary background review.**

*Did you know...*

Alcohol and drug violations, assault, sanction violations, disorderly conduct, non-compliance, regulation violations, and other violations

*...could lead to disciplinary probation?*

### What if I have a judicial record?

The files of students found in violation of any prohibited conduct will be retained as a disciplinary record until their graduation. This provision shall not, however, prohibit any program, department, college or school of the University from retaining records of violations and reporting violations as required by their professional standards; the University may retain, for appropriate administrative purposes, records of all proceedings regarding violations of the "Code of Student Conduct." Disciplinary records may be reported to third parties in accordance with University regulations and law. Students may petition, no earlier than one year from the date of their disciplinary process, for an administrative expungement of their disciplinary record.

### How can SJS help?

Students may request their judicial history by submitting a Judicial Record Request on the SJS website. Requests are usually answered within two business days. Students may contact SJS with any questions or for advice regarding their judicial history (i.e. how to fill out disciplinary/background check forms for employers and/or other institutions).

### Who is eligible for an Administrative Expungement?

According to the "Code," "Disciplinary records may be removed... upon written request of the student, no sooner than one year after the finding of fact for the case. In deciding whether to grant the request, the Senior Assistant Dean of Students or designee will consider such facts as the current demeanor of the student, the student's conduct subsequent to the violation, and the nature of the violation." Students may apply for an Administrative Expungement by completing the request form on the SJS website.



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