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# THE HIGH COST OF A FRESH START

## A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS OF COURT DEBT AS A BARRIER TO RECORD CLEARING

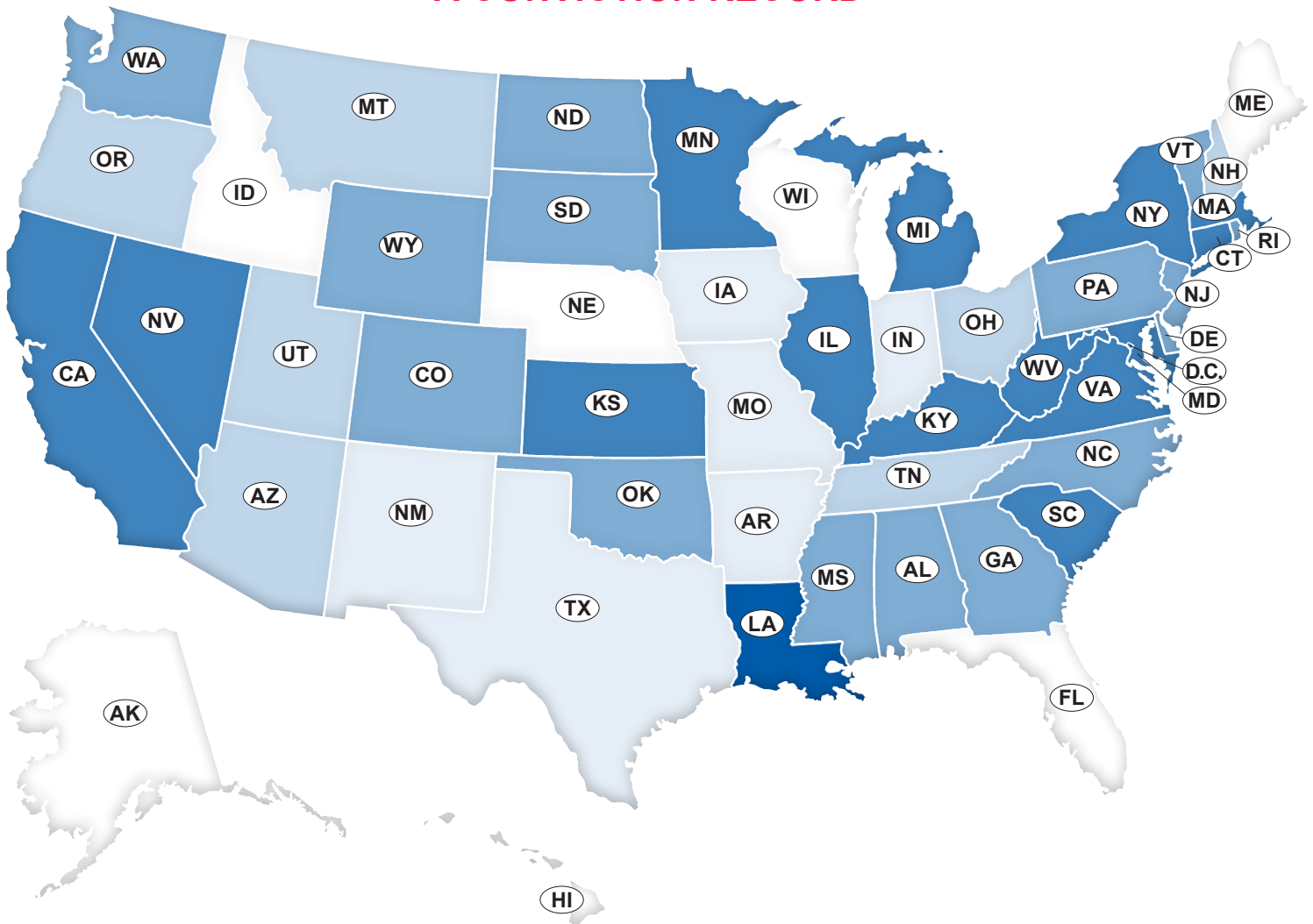
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### GRAPHICS

#### INFOGRAPHIC: When Court Debt Is a Barrier to Record Clearing



## MAP: COURT DEBT AS A BARRIER TO CLEARING A CONVICTION RECORD



- Court debt has no effect on relief (1 state)
- Court debt may be considered in qualifying for relief (14 states and DC)
- Some court debt must be paid to qualify (15 states)
- Court debt that is part of the sentence must be paid to qualify (7 states)
- All court debt must be paid to qualify (6 states)
- No general conviction record clearing (7 states and federal system)