



Advocacy on the Legal Front

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HIRE's December 2006 newsletter article entitled, "[Good Moral Character, A Prerequisite to Barbering in NYS](#)," detailed the plight on one man who was trained to be a barber in prison, only to be denied the opportunity to practice this profession once released, based on New York State's assertion that he lacked "good moral character." Although moot due to Marc's death late last year, the judges final decision sends a clear message about the efficacy of creating labor market opportunities for qualified jobseekers with criminal records.

"...tragically, it is a situation in which the State successfully rehabilitated a citizen and then vigorously fought to deny him the right to live a rehabilitated life." Judge Louis B. York, Supreme Court for the State of New York, County of New York

To read the entire decision, please [click here.](#)