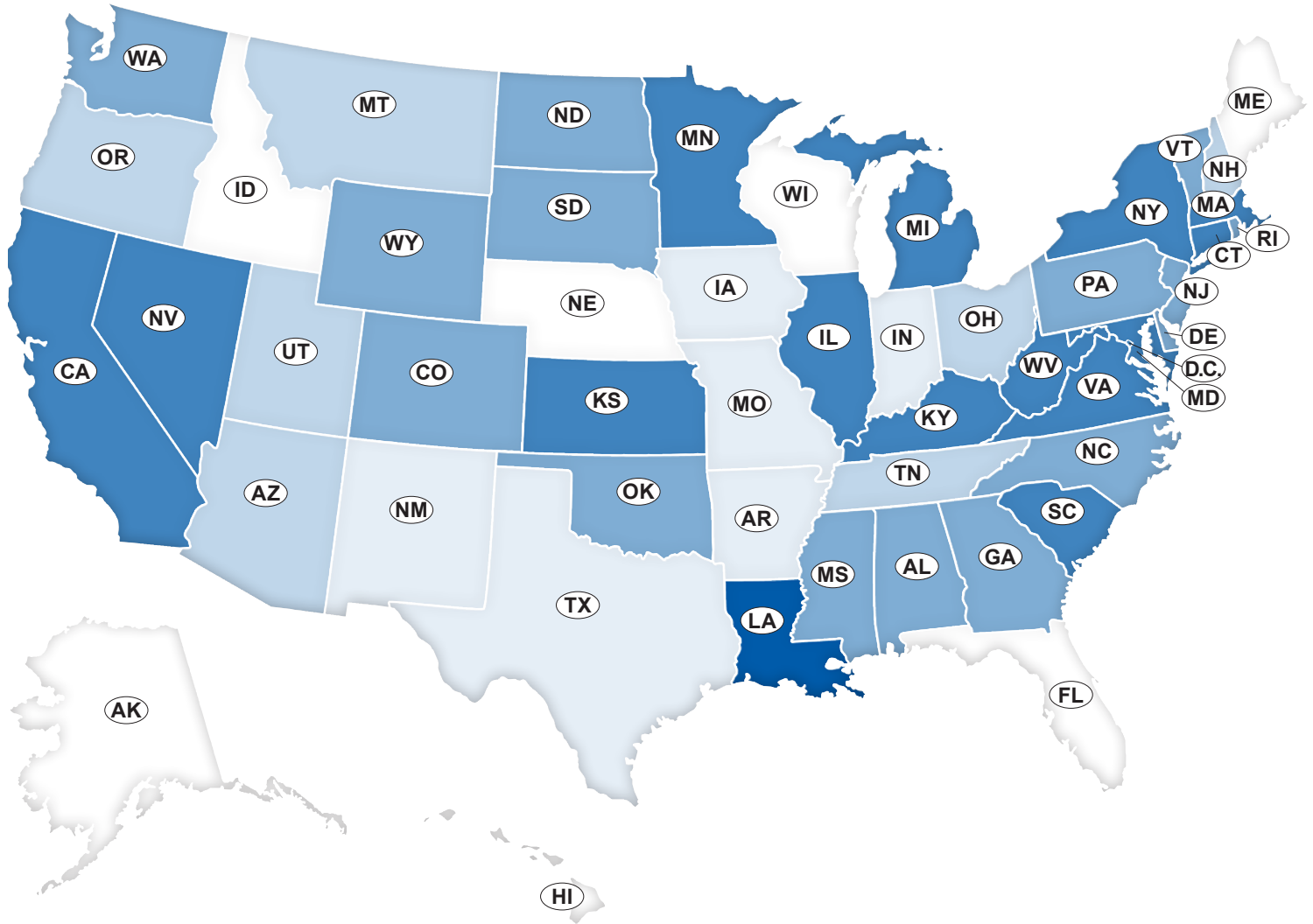








# COURT DEBT AS A BARRIER TO CLEARING A CONVICTION RECORD



-  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)

# When Court Debt Is a Barrier to Record Clearing



Jesse is **convicted of a misdemeanor** and assessed **finances and fees**.



Because he has a misdemeanor, **Jesse is rejected for jobs.**



Because he can't get a job, **Jesse can't afford to pay his court debt.**



Because he can't afford to pay his court debt, **Jesse is denied record clearance.**