

Protective Orders Research Guide

*****IMPORTANT*****

If you are seeking a Protective Order, the Protective Order Unit asks that we refer patrons to them first to see if you may use their services.

Tarrant County District Attorney Protective Order Unit:

Family Law Center – 3rd Floor
817-884-1623
pounit@tarrantcountytx.gov

Apply Online:

<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/criminal-district-attorney/civil-division/protective-orders.html>

Overview

This research guide offers information and resources on Protective Orders. A protective order, sometimes referred to as a “PO,” can help victims of violence, stalking, and sexual abuse request a court order to keep the abuser away from the victim. The resources listed below are not exhaustive, and there may be additional applications not included.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Family Code / Texas Legislature
www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

- Title 4, Subtitle B: Protective Orders – General Provisions:
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/html/FA.81.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

- **“Nuts and Bolts” Protective Order & Family Law Trial Skills Seminar (1999) KFT 1300 .N8W4 1999**
- **Family Law at Your Fingertips: Children: Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas KFT 1294 S83 C53 201**

CLE Materials

**Advanced Protective Order Seminar (1992)
KFT 1294 .A75P76 1992**

Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83

- 2017 Ch. 59: Presenting the Protective Order Case and Family Violence by Barbara D. Nunneley and Sonya Carrillo
- 2016 Ch. 37: Protective Orders & Understanding the Dynamics of Domestic Violence by Amy Allen and Hon. Judy L. Warne
- 2006 Ch. 11: All You Need to Know About Protective Orders by Stewart W. Gagnon
- 2003 Ch. 65: Prosecuting and Defending Protective Orders by Patricia J. Lasher
- 2002 Ch. 5: Temporary & Protective Order Traps by James M. Loveless
- 2000 Ch. 63: Ex-Parte Orders by Hon. Judith G. Wells

Advanced Family Law Drafting KFT 1294.A92

- 2010 Ch. 19: Drafting Protective Orders by Hon. Judy L. Warne

- 2001 Ch. 10: Family Violence by A. Michelle May, Section III: Application for Protective Order, p. 2-4; Section V, Subsection C: Protective Order, p. 8-9 (appendix has sample forms p. 23-28)

Advanced Evidence and Discovery KFT 1740.A75S7

- 2018 Ch. 8: Protective Orders by David Bright

- Pro Se Protective Order Packet (Vietnamese) <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/sites/default/files/2423833Vietnamese%20Protective%20Order%20Kit.pdf>
- Pro Se Sexual Assault Protective Order Packet <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/sites/default/files/2016%20SAPO%20-%20fillable.pdf>

Equal Justice Center

- <https://www.equaljusticecenter.org/welcome.html>

Online Resources

Texas Judicial Branch

- Forms: <https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/forms/>

Texas State Law Library

- Commonly Requested Forms - Protective Order: <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/protective-orders>

Texas Law Help (www.texaslawhelp.com)

- Protective Order Fact Sheet: <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/protective-order-fact-sheet>
- Protective Order Kits: <https://texaslawhelp.org/resources/protective-order-forms>
- Protective Orders and Restraining Orders – Travis County Sheriff: https://www.tcsheriff.org/images/victim-services/docs/po_ro_pb.pdf

Texas Advocacy Project

- Pro Se Protective Order Packet (English) <https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/sites/default/files/5.8.2012-protective-order-kit-final.pdf>
- Pro Se Protective Order Packet (Español) [https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/sites/default/files/2423839Complete%20Spanish%20Protective%20Order%20Kit%20\(fillable\).pdf](https://www.texasadvocacyproject.org/sites/default/files/2423839Complete%20Spanish%20Protective%20Order%20Kit%20(fillable).pdf)

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)