

# 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@tarrantcountytexas.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 Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

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

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294 T4S7**

- Vol. 2, Ch. 17 Protective Orders

**O’Connor’s Texas Family Code Plus (2020-21) KFT 1294.03B4**

- Ch. 82 Applying for Protective Orders
- Ch. 83 Requirements for Temporary Ex Parte Order

**Cyberbullying Law KF 2846.J33**

- Ch. 7 Family Court and Cyberbullying Issues, Subsection C: Orders of Protection

**Texas Criminal Pattern Jury Charges REF KFT 1783.A65 S7T4**

- Ch. 64 Stalking

## CLE Materials

**“Nuts and Bolts” Protective Order & Family Law Trial Skills Seminar (1999) KFT1300.N8W4**

**Family Law at Your Fingertips: Children: Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas KFT1294.S83 C53 201**

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

**Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83**

- 2021 Ch. 13 Protective Orders
- 2020 Ch. 14: Stalking Protective Orders
- 2017 Ch. 59: Presenting the Protective Order Case and Family Violence
- 2016 Ch. 37: Protective Orders & Understanding the Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- 2006 Ch. 11: All You Need to Know About Protective Orders
- 2003 Ch. 65: Prosecuting and Defending Protective Orders
- 2002 Ch. 5: Temporary & Protective Order Traps

- 2000 Ch. 63: Ex-Parte Orders

### Advanced Family Law Drafting KFT 1294.A92

- 2021 Ch. 14 Ex Parte Drafting
- 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

## Online Resources

Forms (Texas Judicial Branch)

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

Commonly Requested Forms - Protective Order (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/protective-orders>

Protective Order Fact Sheet

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/protective-order-fact-sheet>

Protective Order Forms (TexasLawHelp)

<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](https://www.tcsheriff.org/images/victim-services/docs/po_ro_pb.pdf)

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)

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>

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<https://ncadv.org/>

Office on Women's Health

<https://www.womenshealth.gov/relationships-and-safety/domestic-violence>

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

<https://www.nrcdv.org/>

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence -

VAWNet <https://vawnet.org/>

## 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)