

# 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](http://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) KFT1300.N8W4

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

**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, p. 337-392

## CLE Materials

**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

[https://www.tcsheriff.org/images/victim-services/docs/po\\_ro\\_pb.pdf](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)
- 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>

## 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](http://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:

#### 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)**

